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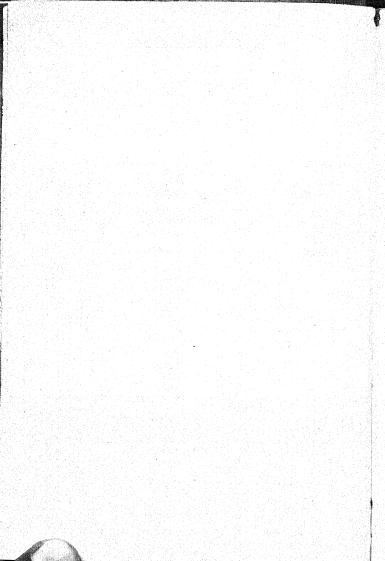
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THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

GENESIS

CHAPTER 1

TN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and

there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning

were the second day.

9 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was

good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning

were the third day.

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the him; male and female created he them.

firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the

earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning

were the fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning

were the fifth day.

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind; and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind; and God saw that

it was good.

26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him male and famale created he them.

firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy counte-

nance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door: and unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 C And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy

hand.

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond

shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slaveth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any

finding him should kill him.

16 T And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land

of Nod, on the east of E'den.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born I'rad: and I'rad begat Mē-hū'jā-ĕl: and Mēhū'jā-ĕl begat Mē-thū'sā-ĕl: and Mēthū'sā-ĕl begat Lā'mĕch.

19 ¶ And La'mech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was A'dah, and the name of the other Zil'lah.

Cain slayeth Abel and is cursed. Seth

20 And A'dah bare Ja'bal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zil'lah, she also bare Tu'bălcāin, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tut

băl-cāin was Nā'a-mah. 23 And Lā'měch said unto his wives. A'dah and Zil'lah, hear my voice; ye wives of La'mech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my

wounding, and a young man to my hurt. 24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold. truly La'mech seventy and sevenfold.

25 🏻 And Adam knew his wife again: and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name E'nos: then began men to call upon the

name of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

HIS is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him:

2 Male and female created he them: and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were

created.

3 ¶ And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he

6 And Seth lived a hundred and five

years, and begat E'nos:

7 And Seth lived after he begat E'nos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died. 9 T And E'nos lived ninety years, and begat Cā-ī'năn:

10 And E'nos lived after he begat Cā-ī'nan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

11 And all the days of E'nos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

12 @ And Cā-ī'nān lived seventy years.

and begat Ma-hā'la-lē'ěl:

13 And Cā-i'năn lived after he begat Må-hā'là-lē'ĕl eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters: 14 And all the days of Ca-i'nan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15 C And Mà-hā'là-lē'ĕl lived sixtv

and five years, and begat Ja'red:

16 And Mà-hā'là-lē'ěl lived after he begat Ja'red eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters: 17 And all the days of Ma-ha'la-le'el were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

18 C And Jä'rěd lived a hundred sixtv and two years, and he begat Enoch:

19 And Ja'red lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

20 And all the days of Ja'red were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he

died. 21 I And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Me-thu'se-lah:

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Mē-thū'sē-làh three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and

he was not: for God took him.

25 And Me-thu'se-lah lived a hundred eighty and seven years, and begat La'mech:

26 And Mē-thū'sē-lah lived after he hegat La'měch seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

27 And all the days of Mē-thū'sē-lah were nine hundred sixty and nine years:

and he died.

28 ¶ And Lā'měch lived a hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: 29 And he called his name Noah, saying. This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands. because of the ground which the LORD

hath cursed.

30 And La'mech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: seven hundred seventy and seven years: with pitch. and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Ta'phěth.

CHAPTER 6

ND it came to pass, when men began A to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair: and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said. My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them. the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

5 ¶ And GoD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his

heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved

him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man. whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of

the LORD.

9 II These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem,

Ham, and Ja'pheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 W Make thee an ark of gopher wood: rooms shalt thou make in the ark. 31 And all the days of La'meth were and shalt pitch it within and without

15 And this is the fashion which thou

shalt make it of: The length of the ark and his wife shall be three hundred cubits, the him, into the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of the flood.

of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing

that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind; two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee.

and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

CHAPTER 7

AND the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive

upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause t to rain upon the earth forty days and orty nights; and every living substance hat I have made will I destroy from off he face of the earth.

5 And Noah did according unto all that

he LORD commanded him.

6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the arth.

7 ¶ And Noah went in, and his sons,

and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every

thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Noah

into the ark, the male and the female, as

God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were

upon the earth.

11 I In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth

forty days and forty nights.

13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Ja'pheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark:

me ark

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein

is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and hare up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were cov-

ered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

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23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ground was drv. the ark.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

CHAPTER 8

ND God remembered Noah, and A every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged.

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was re-

strained.

3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ar'a-rat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 C And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off

the face of the ground.

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark: for the waters were on shall not cease. the face of the whole earth. Then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he staved yet other seven days: and again he sent forth the dove out of

the ark.

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening, and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days. and sent forth the dove, which returned not again unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month.

was the earth dried.

15 T And God spake unto Noah. saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives

with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth: that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with

him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing. and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 C And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered

burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night

CHAPTER Q

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb

have I given you all things.

is the blood thereof, shall ve not eat,

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 Whose sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image

of God made he man.

7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply: bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, and

to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after

you;

10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood

to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant be-

tween me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud: and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant beall flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh

that is upon the earth.

18 C And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Ja'pheth: and Ham is the father of Cā'năan.

19 These are the three sons of Noah:

4 But flesh with the life thereof, which and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Ca'naan. saw the nakedness of his father, and

told his two brethren without.

23 And Shëm and Jā'phēth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done

unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed be Ca'naan: a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

25 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Ca'naan shall be his

servant.

27 God shall enlarge Ja'pheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Cā'năan shall be his servant.

28 C And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

CHAPTER 10

TOW these are the generations of the sons of Noah; Shem, Ham, and Ja'pheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Ja'pheth; Go'mer, and Mā'gŏg, and Mād'ā-ī, and Jā'văn, and Tū'băl, and Mē'shech, and Ti'răs.

3 And the sons of Go'mer; Ash'ke-naz. and Ri'phath, and To-gar'mah.

4 And the sons of Ja'van; E-li'shah. and Tär'shish, Kit'tim, and Do'da-nim.

5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one tween God and every living creature of after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

> 6 ¶ And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Miz'rā-im, and Phut, and Cā'năan.

7 And the sons of Cush; Se'ba, and Hav'i-lah, and Sab'tah, and Ra'a-mah. and Săb'tē-cha: and the sons of Rā'amàh; Shē'bà, and Dē'dăn.

8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to

be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the

The sons of Shem. The city and tower of Babel

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LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Jo'bab: all these were the sons of Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Jok'tan,

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Bā'bĕl, and Ēr'ĕch, and Āc'cad, and

Căl'něh, in the land of Shī'när.

11 Out of that land went forth Assh'ur. and builded Nin'e-veh, and the city Rē-hō'bŏth, and Cā'lah,

12 And Rē'sen between Nin'e-veh and Ca'lah: the same is a great city. 13 And Miz'rā-im begat Lū'dim, and An'a-mim, and Lē-ha'bim, and Naph-

tữ hĩm,

14 And Path-ru'sim, and Cas'lū-him, (out of whom came Phi-lis'tim.) and Căph'tō-rim.

firstborn, and Heth.

rite, and the Gir'ga-site.

the Si'nite, 18 And the Ar'vad-ite, and the Zem'arite, and the Ha'math-ite: and afterward

were the families of the Ca'naan-ites spread abroad.

19 And the border of the Ca'naan-ites was from Si'don, as thou comest to Gē'rār, unto Gā'za; as thou goest unto Sŏd'om, and Gō-mŏr'rah, and Ad'mah, and Zē-bō'im, even unto Lā'shà.

20 These are the sons of Ham. after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of E'ber, the brother of Jā'phěth the elder, even to him were children born.

22 The children of Shem; E'lam, and Assh'ŭr, and Ar-phax'ad, and Lud, and

Ā'răm.

23 And the children of A'ram; Uz, and Hŭl, and Gë'thër, and Măsh.

24 And Ar-phax'ad begat Sa'lah; and

Sā'lah begat E'bēr.

25 And unto E'ber were born two sons: the name of one was Pë'leg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Jok'tan.

26 And Jök'tăn begat Al-mö'dăd, and Shē'lĕph, and Hā'zär-mā'vĕth, and Je'rah.

27 And Ha-do'ram, and U'zal, and Dĭk'läh.

28 And O'băl, and A-bim'ā-ĕl, and She'ba.

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Se'phar, a mount

of the east. 31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in

their lands, after their nations. 32 These are the families of the sons

of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

CHAPTER 11

ND the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they jour-15 II And Ca'naan begat Si'don his neyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shi'nar; and they

16 And the Teb'ū-site, and the Am'ō- dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to. 17 And the Hi'vite, and the Ark'ite, and let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us

a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children

of men builded.

6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language: and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Bā'běl: because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was a hundred years old, and begat Ar-phax'ad two years after

the flood:

11 And Shem lived after he begat Ar-phax'ad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Ar-phax'ad lived five and thirty years, and begat Sa'lah:

29 And O'phīr, and Hav'i-läh, and 13 And Ar-phax'ad lived after he begat

Sa'lah four hundred and three years. and begat sons and daughters.

14 And Sā'lāh lived thirty years, and

begat E'ber:

15 And Sa'lah lived after he begat E'ber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

16 And E'ber lived four and thirty

years, and begat Pē'lĕg:

17 And E'ber lived after he begat Pē'leg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

18 And Pë'leg lived thirty years, and

begat Rē'ū:

19 And Pë'leg lived after he begat Re'ū two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And Re'ū lived two and thirty years.

and begat Se'rug:

21 And Rē'ū lived after he begat Sē' rug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

22 And Se'rug lived thirty years, and

begat Nā'hŏr:

23 And Se'rug lived after he begat Na'hor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

24 And Nā'hŏr lived nine and twenty

years, and begat Te'rah: 25 And Na'hor lived after he begat Te'rah a hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

26 And Te'rah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nā'hŏr, and Ḥā'răn. 27 ¶ Now these are the generations of

Te'rah: Te'rah begat Abram, Na'hor, and Hā'răn; and Hā'răn begat Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father

Te'rah in the land of his nativity, in Ur

of the Chal'dees.

29 And Abram and Na'hor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sā'raī; and the name of Nā'hŏr's wife, Mil'cah, the daughter of Ha'ran, the father of Mil'cah, and the father of Is'cah.

30 But Sā'raī was barren: she had no

31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Hā'ran his son's son, and Sā'raī his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chal'dees, to go into the land of Ca'naan; and they came unto Hā'răn, and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Te'rah were two

died in Hā'răn.

CHAPTER 12

NOW the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a

blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee. and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Ha'ran.

5 And Abram took Sa'rai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Ha'ran; and they went forth to go into the land of Ca'naan; and into the land of Ca' năan they came.

6 C And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Si'chem, unto the plain of Mo'reh. And the Ca'naan-ite

was then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Ha'i on the east; and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed, going on still

toward the south.

10 ¶ And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sa'rai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake: hundred and five years: and Te'rah and my soul shall live because of thee. 14 I And it came to pass, that, when tians beheld the woman that she was right hand, then I will go to the left. very fair.

her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into

Phā'raōh's house.

16 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

17 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues, be-

cause of Sā'raī, Abram's wife.

18 And Phā'raōh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

19 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her,

and go thy way.

20 And Phā'raōh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAPTER 13

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the begin-

ning, between Beth-el and Hā'ī; 4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 Of And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Ca'naan-ite and the Per'iz-zite dwelt then in the land.

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will

Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyp- go to the right; or if thou depart to the

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and be-15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw held all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sod'om and Go-morrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zō'ar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan: and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from

the other.

12 Abram dwelt in the land of Ca'naan. and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sod'om.

13 But the men of Sod'om were wicked and sinners before the LORD

exceedingly.

14 Q And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest. to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for

I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mam're, which is in Hē'bron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came to pass in the days of Am'ra-phěl king of Shi'när, Ar'ioch king of El-la'sar, Ched'or-la-o'mer king of E'lam, and Ti'dal king of nations; 2 That these made war with Be'ra king

of Söd'om, and with Bir'sha king of Gō-mŏr'rah, Shī'nāb king of Ad'mah, and Shēm-ē'bēr king of Zē-bōr'im, and the king of Bē'la, which is Zō'ar.

3 All these were joined together in the vale of Sid'dim, which is the salt sea. 4 Twelve years they served Ched'orlā-ō'mēr, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chěďor-la-o'mēr, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Reph'a-im zim in Ham, and the E'mim in Sha'veh was the priest of the most high God. Kir'i-a-thā'im.

6 And the Ho'rites in their mount Se'ir. unto El-pā'răn, which is by the wilder-

7 And they returned, and came to En-mish'pat, which is Ka'desh, and smote all the country of the Am'a-lek-ites, and also the Am'o-rites, that dwelt in Hăz'ē-zŏn-tā'mar.

8 And there went out the king of Sod' om, and the king of Go-mor'rah, and the king of Ad'mah, and the king of Zebôi'im, and the king of Bê'la, (the same

is Zō'ar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Sid'dim:

9 With Ched'or-la-o'mer the king of E'lam, and with Ti'dal king of nations, and Am'ra-phel king of Shi'nar, and År'ī-ŏeh king of El-lā'sär; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Sid'dim was full of slime pits; and the kings of Sŏd'om and Gō-mŏr'rah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sŏd'om and Gō-mčr'rah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sod'om, and his

goods, and departed.

13 I And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Măm'rê the Ām'ō-rīte, brother of Ēsh'cŏl, and brother of Ā'nēr: and these were confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pur-

sued them unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods. and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and

the people.

17 ¶ And the king of Sŏd'om went out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Ched'or-la-o'mer and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shā'věh, which is the king's dale.

in Ash'tē-roth Kar-na'im, and the Zu- brought forth bread and wine: and he

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God. possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God. which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. 21 And the king of Sod'om said unto

Abram, Give me the persons, and take

the goods to thyself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sŏd'om, I have lifted up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, A'ner, Esh'col, and Măm'rē: let them take their portion.

CHAPTER 15

FTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Abram said, Lord Gop, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this

El'i-ē'zēr of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in

my house is mine heir.

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number Ho'bah, which is on the left hand of them: and he said unto him, So shall

thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. 7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. 8 And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me a heifer of three years old, and a she goat 18 And Měl-chiz/ē-děk king of Sā'lēm of three years old, and a ram of three

years old, and a turtledove, and a young of Ca'naan, and gave her to her husband pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses. Abram drove them

away.

12 And when the sun was going down. a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great sub-

stance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Am'o-rites is not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, be-hold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In that same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Eū-phrā'tēs:

19 The Ke'nites, and the Ke'niz-zites.

and the Kad'mon-ites,

20 And the Hit'tites, and the Per'iz-

zītes, and the Reph'ā-im,

21 And the Am'o-rites, and the Canăan-ites, and the Gir'ga-shites, and the leb'u-sites.

CHAPTER 16

NOW Sā'raī, Abram's wife, bare him no children: and she had a handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was

Hā'gar.

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2 And Sā'raī said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sā'raī.

Abram to be his wife.

4 ¶ And he went in unto Hā'gar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Sa'rai said unto Abram. My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me

and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Să'rai. Behold. thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sa'rai dealt serve them; and they shall afflict them. hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 I And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to

8 And he said, Hā'gar, Sā'rai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sā'raī.

9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit

thyself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly. that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ish'mā-ĕl; because the LORD hath heard

thy affliction. 12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him: and he shall

dwell in the presence of all his brethren. 13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

14 Wherefore the well was called Bē'ēr-la-haī'-rôi: behold, it is between Kā'dēsh and Bē'rēd.

15 ¶ And Hā'gar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which

Hā'gar bare, Īsh'mā-ĕl.

16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Ha'gar bare Ish'ma-el to Abram.

CHAPTER 17

3 And Sā'raī, Abram's wife, took AND when Abram was ninety years Hā'gār her maid the Egyptian, after A old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram had dwelt ten years in the land Abram, and said unto him, I am the thou perfect.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God

talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of

many nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham: for a father of many nations

have I made thee. 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and

kings shall come out of thee.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee

and to thy seed after thee.

8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Ca'naan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

9 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their genera-

10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee: Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting

covenant.

14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant. 15 T And God said unto Abraham, As for Sa'rai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sā'raī, but Sarah shall her

name be. 16 And I will bless her, and give thee a

son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and 4 Let a little water, I pray you, be

Almighty God; walk before me, and be she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face. and laughed, and said in his heart. Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ish'mā-ĕl might live before thee!

19 And God said. Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting

covenant, and with his seed after him. 20 And as for Ish'mā-ĕl. I have heard thee: Behold. I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year. 22 And he left off talking with him, and

God went up from Abraham.

23 🖫 And Abraham took İsh'mā-ĕl his son, and all that were born in his house. and all that were bought with his money. every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in

the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And Ish'mā-ĕl his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ish'ma-el his son.

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAPTER 18

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mam're: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away,

I pray thee, from thy servant:

vourselves under the tree:

5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread. and comfort ve your hearts: after that ve shall pass on: for therefore are ve come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal. knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to

dress it.

8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

9 @ And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in

the tent.

10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life: and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of

women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old

13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am

old?

14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

15 Then Sarah denied, saving, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he

said, Nay; but thou didst laugh. 16 C And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sod'om: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from · Abraham that thing which I do:

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

fetched, and wash your feet, and rest mand his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment: that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Söd'om and Gö-mör'rah is great. and because their sin is very grievous. 21 I will go down now, and see whether

they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me: and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sod'om: but Abraham stood vet before the LORD.

23 ¶ And Abraham drew near, and said. Wilt thou also destroy the right-

eous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked; and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that he far from thee: Shall not the Tudge of all the earth. do right?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sod'om fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their

sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not

destroy it. 29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will

not do it for forty's sake.

30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not

destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: 19 For I know him, that he will com- Peradventure ten shall be found there. GEN Almi thou 2 twee thee

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as he had left communing with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place.

CHAPTER 10

↑ND there came two angels to Sŏd' om at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sod'om: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

2 And he said. Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay: but we will abide in the street all night.

3 And he pressed upon them greatly: and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread.

and they did eat.

4 CI But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sod'om, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. 6 And Lot went out at the door unto my Lord:

them, and shut the door after him, 7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not

so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand. and pulled Lot into the house to them.

and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness. both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

thou here any besides? son-in-law, and 33 And the LORD went his way, as soon thy sons, and thy daughters, and what. soever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great hefore the face of the LORD; and the LORD

hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

15 ¶ And when the morning arose. then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daugh. ters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth.

and set him without the city. 17 I And it came to pass, when they

had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain: escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so,

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: O, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and

my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also. that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city

was called Zō'ar. 23 The sun was risen upon the earth

when Lot entered into Zō'ar. 24 Then the LORD rained upon Sod'om and upon Gö-mör'rah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and

all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26 C But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 II And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood be-

fore the LORD:

28 And he looked toward Sod'om and Gō-mŏr'rah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow. when he overthrew the cities in the

which Lot dwelt.

30 M And Lot went up out of Zo'ar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zō'ar: and he dwelt in a cave. he and his two daughters.

31 And the firstborn said unto the vounger. Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night; and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger. Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also: and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus were both the daughters of

Lot with child by their father.

37 And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Mo'ab: the same is the father of the Mo'ab-ites unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben'-am'mi: the same is the father of the children of

Ammon unto this day.

CHAPTER 20

↑ND Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelt between Ka'desh and Shur, and sojourned in Gē'rär.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife. She is my sister: and A-bim'e-lech king

of Ge'rar sent, and took Sarah.

3 But God came to A-bim'e-lech in a dream by night, and said to him. Behold. thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

4 But A-bim'ē-leeh had not come near her: and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay

also a righteous nation?

5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said. He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that

are thine.

8 Therefore A-bim'ē-lēch rose early in the morning, and called all his serv-ants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

9 Then A-bim'ē-lēch called Abraham. and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 And A-bim'ē-lĕch said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast

done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

14 And A-bim'ê-lêch took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

15 And A-bim'ē-lēch said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it

pleaseth thee.

16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other? thus she was reproved.

17 ¶ So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed A-bim'ē-lech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they

bare children.

18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of A-bim'elech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

CHAPTER 21

AND the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah

bare to him, Isaac.

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto

6 ¶ And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have borne him a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah saw the son of Ha'gar the Egyptian, which she had borne unto

Abraham, mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

11 And the thing was very grievous in

Abraham's sight because of his son.

12 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he

is thy seed.

14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hā'gār, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Bē'ērshā'hā.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one

of the shrubs.

16 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lifted up her voice, and went.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hā'gar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hā'gar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a

great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and

became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Pā'rān: and his mother took him a wife

out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And it came to pass at that time, that \(\hat{A}\) bim'\(\hat{c}\) liech and \(\hat{Ph}\) chool the chief captain of his host spake unto \(\hat{A}\) braham, saying, \(\hat{G}\) do \(is\) with thee in all that thou doest:

23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God, that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

24 And Abraham said, I will swear. 25 And Abraham reproved A-bim'etech because of a well of water, which burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his A-bim'e-lech's servants had violently son; and he took the fire in his hand. taken away.

26 And A-bim'ē-leeh said, I wot not who hath done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it. hut to-day.

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen. and gave them unto A-bim'e-lech; and

both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And A-bim'ē-lech said unto Abraham. What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place Bē'ēr-shē'bà: because there they sware

both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Bē'ēr-shē'bà: then A-bim'ē-lēch rose up, and Phi'chol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Phi-lis'tines.

33 I And Abraham planted a grove in Bē'ēr-shē'bà, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God. 34 And Abraham sojourned in the

Phi-lis'tines' land many days.

CHAPTER 22

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and

he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mo-ri'ah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 C And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told

him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the

and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said. My father: and he said. Here am I. my son. And he said. Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the

lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slav his son. 11 And the Angel of the LORD called

unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand

upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eves. and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram. and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Tehovah-ii'reh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it

shall be seen.

15 I And the Angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second

time.

16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld

thy son, thine only son,

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies:

18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou

hast obeyed my voice.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Bē'ēr-shē'ba; and Abraham dwelt at Bë'ër-shë'ba.

20 ¶ And it came to pass after these

things, that it was told Abraham, saying. Behold, Mil'cah, she hath also borne of my people give I it thee: bury thy children unto thy brother Na'hor;

21 Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kem'ū-el the father of

A'ram.

22 And Chē'sĕd, and Hā'zō, and Pĭl' dăsh, and Jid'lăph, and Bē-thu'ěl.

23 And Be-thū'el begat Re-bek'ah: these eight Mil'cah did bear to Na'hor, Abraham's brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name was Reu'mah, she bare also Te'bah, and Gā'hām, and Thā'hāsh, and Mā'a-chah.

CHAPTER 23

AND Sarah was a hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kīr'jāth-ar'ba; the same is Hē'bron in the land of Ca'

năan: and Abraham came to mourn for

Sarah, and to weep for her. 3 M And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons

of Heth, saying, 4 I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead

out of my sight.

Abraham, saying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

7 And Abraham stood up, and bowed

to the children of Heth.

8 And he communed with them, saying. If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to E'phron the son of Zō'här,

9 That he may give me the cave of Măch-pē'lah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you.

10 And E'phron dwelt among the children of Heth: and E'phron the Hit'tite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that Ca'naan-ites, among whom I dwell: went in at the gate of his city, saying,

I thee, and the cave that is therein, I my son Isaac.

Sarah's death. Her burial in Machbelah

give it thee; in the presence of the sons

12 And Abraham bowed down himself

before the people of the land.

13 And he spake unto E'phron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee. hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And E'phron answered Abraham.

saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me; the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver: what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 And Abraham hearkened unto E'phron; and Abraham weighed to E'phron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current

money with the merchant.

17 I And the field of E'phron, which was in Mach-pe'lah, which was before Măm'rē, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure

18 Unto Abraham for a possession in 5 And the children of Heth answered the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his

city.

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Măch-pē'lah before Măm'rē: the same is He'bron in the land of Ca'naan.

20 And the field, and the cave that is himself to the people of the land, even therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by

the sons of Heth.

CHAPTER 24

AND Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, 11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give and to my kindred, and take a wife unto

5 And the servant said unto him, Per- well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. adventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither

again.

7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee. and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son

thither again.

9 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

10 ¶ And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Měs'ō-pō-tā'mĭ-à, unto the city of Nā'hŏr.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, O LORD God of my and worshipped the LORD. master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold. I stand here by the well of water: and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed kindness unto my master.

15 ¶ And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Reběk'ah came out, who was born to Bethū'el, son of Mil'cah, the wife of Nahör, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher

upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel was very fair to and room for the camels. look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the and he ungirded his camels, and gave

17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew

for all his camels.

21 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

24 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Be-thu'el the son of Milcáh, which she bare unto Na'hor.

25 She said moreover unto him. We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed down his head,

27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

29 C And Re-bek'ah had a brother, and his name was La'ban: and La'ban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

30 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring, and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Re-běk'ah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me, that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house,

32 ¶ And the man came into the house:

straw and provender for the camels, and also: so I drank, and she made the camwater to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

34 And he said, I am Abraham's

servent.

35 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly, and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

37 And my master made me swear. saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Ca'naanites, in whose land I dwell:

38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a

wife unto my son.

39 And I said unto my master. Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy wav: and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

41 Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou

shalt be clear from my oath.

42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my

way which I go:

43 Behold, I stand by the well of water: and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And she say to me. Both drink thou. and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.

45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rē-běk'áh came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said,

els drink also.

47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bē-thū'ěl. Nā'hor's son. whom Mil'cah bare unto him: and I out the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham. which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter

unto his son.

49 And now, if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not. tell me; that I may turn to the right hand. or to the left.

50 Then La'ban and Be-thu'el answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto

thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rē-běk'ah is before thee: take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words. he worshipped the LORD, bowing him-

self to the earth.

53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Re-bek'ah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto

my master.

55 And her brother and her mother said. Let the damsel abide with us α few days, at the least ten; after that she

shall go

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rē-běk'ah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away Re-bek'ah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's

servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Re-bek'ah, and Drink, and I will give thy camels drink said unto her, Thou art our sister; be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rē-běk'ah, and went his way.

62 And Isaac came from the way of the

south country.

63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the Ish'mā-ĕl, Abraham's son, whom Hā' camels were coming. gar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid,

64 And Re-bek'ah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off

the camel.

65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all things

that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Reběk'ah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

CHAPTER 25

THEN again Abraham took a wife. and her name was Ke-tu'räh.

2 And she bare him Zim'răn, and Jök' shăn, and Mē'dăn, and Mĭd'ī-ān, and Ish'băk, and Shu'ah.

3 And Jök'shån begat She'bå, and Dē'dan. And the sons of Dē'dan were As-shu'rim, and Lē-tū'shim, and Lēŭm'mim.

4 And the sons of Mid'i-an; E'phah, and E'pher, and Ha'noch, and A-bi'dah, and El-da'ah. All these were the children of Ke-tu'räh.

5 (And Abraham gave all that he had

unto Isaac.

6 But unto the sons of the concubines. which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred threescore and fifteen years. 8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost,

and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

9 And his sons Isaac and Ish'mā-ĕl buried him in the cave of Mach-pe'lah, in the field of E'phrŏn the son of Zō'här the Hit'tite, which is before Mam're:

10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham

buried, and Sarah his wife. 11 ¶ And it came to pass after the well La-hai -ron: for he dwelt in the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well La-hai'-rôi.

12 I Now these are the generations of

bare unto Abraham:

13 And these are the names of the sons of Ish'mā-ĕl, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ísh'mā-ĕl, Nē-bā'jŏth; and Kē'dar, and Ad'bē-ĕl, and Mīb'sām,

14 And Mish'ma, and Du'mah. and

Măs'sa, 15 Hā'dar, and Tē'ma, Jē'tŭr, Nā-

phish, and Ked'e-mah: 16 These are the sons of Ish'mā-ĕl. and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes ac-

cording to their nations.

17 And these are the years of the life of Ish'mā-ĕl, a hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died, and was gathered unto his people.

18 And they dwelt from Hav'i-läh unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the pres-

ence of all his brethren.

19 ¶ And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat

20 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Re-bek'ah to wife, the daughter of Bē-thū'ěl the Syrian of Pā'dăn-

ā'rām, the sister to Lā'bān the Syrian. 21 And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD was entreated of him, and

Rē-běk'ah his wife conceived.

22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said unto her. Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

24 ¶ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his

name E'sau.

26 And after that came his brother out. and his hand took hold on E'sau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and E'sau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in

tents.

28 And Isaac loved E'sau, because he did eat of his venison: but Re-bek'ah loved Tacob.

faint:

30 And E'sau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red bottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called E'dom.

31 And Tacob said, Sell me this day thy

birthright.

32 And E'sau said, Behold, I am at the birthright do to me?

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold

his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave E'sau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way. Thus E'sau despised his birthright.

CHAPTER 26

AND there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto A-bim'ē-lech king of the Philis'tines unto Ge'rar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him. and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of.

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be

blessed:

5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 ¶ And Isaac dwelt in Gē'rär.

7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rē-bĕk'ah; because she was fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that A-bim'elech king of the Phi-lis'tines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Re-bek'ah his

wife.

9 And A-bim'ē-lech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: 29 ¶ And Jacob sod pottage: and and how saidst thou, She is my sister? E'sau came from the field, and he was And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10 And A-bim'e-lech said. What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lain with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought

guiltiness upon us.

11 And A-bim'e-lech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this point to die: and what profit shall this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very

great:

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Phi-lis'tines envied

15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Phi-lis'tines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And A-bim'ē-lech said unto Isaac. Go from us: for thou art much mightier

than we.

17 ¶ And Isaac departed thence, and thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all pitched his tent in the valley of Gerär,

and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Phi-lis'tines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

valley, and found there a well of spring-

ing water.

20 And the herdmen of Ge'rar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saving, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well E'sek; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the

name of it Sit'nah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rē-hō'bŏth; and he said. For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to

Bē'ēr-shē'bà.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said. I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's

servants digged a well.

26 ¶ Then A-bim'ē-lech went to him from Ge'rär, and A-huz'zăth one of his friends, and Phi'chol the chief captain of his army.

27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

28 And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said. Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD.

did eat and drink.

morning, and sware one to another: and ceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon Isaac sent them away, and they de- me, and not a blessing. parted from him in peace.

32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have brought them to his mother: and his found water.

33 And he called it Shē'bah: therefore father loved.

19 And Isaac's servants digged in the the name of the city is Be'er-she'ba unto this day

34 C And E'sau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Be-e'ri the Hit'tite, and Bash'emath the daughter of E'lon the Hit'tite: 35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Re-bek'ah.

CHAPTER 27

AND it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called E sau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him. Behold, here am I. 2 And he said, Behold now, I am old,

3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some

I know not the day of my death:

venison;

4 And make me savory meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat:

that my soul may bless thee before I die. 5 And Rē-běk'ah heard when Isaac spake to E'saû his son. And E'saû went to the field to hunt for venison, and to

bring it.

6 Q And Rē-běk'ah spake unto Tacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto E'sau thy brother, saying.

7 Bring me venison, and make me savory meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. 9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory meat for thy father, such as he loveth:

10 And thou shalt bring it to thy father. that he may eat, and that he may bless

thee before his death.

11 And Jacob said to Rē-běk'ah his mother, Behold, É'sau my brother is a 30 And he made them a feast, and they hairy man, and I am a smooth man:

12 My father peradventure will feel 31 And they rose up betimes in the me, and I shall seem to him as a de-

13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them. 14 And he went, and fetched, and

mother made savory meat, such as his

of her eldest son E'sau, which were with from the presence of Isaac his father. her in the house, and put them upon that E'sau his brother came in from his Jacob her younger son:

16 And she put the skins of the kids of

smooth of his neck:

17 And she gave the savory meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 ¶ And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am

I: who art thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am E'sau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said unto his son. How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD

thy God brought it to me.

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come father. near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son subtilty, and hath taken away thy E'sau or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father: and he felt him, and said. The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of E'sau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother reserved a blessing for me? E'sau's hands: so he blessed him.

E'saû? And he said, I am.

25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Isaac said unto him. Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth,

and plenty of corn and wine:

29 Let people serve thee, and nations from off thy neck.

now down to thee: be lord over thy 41 ¶ And E/sau hated Jacob because bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

30 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing

15 And Re-bek'ah took goodly raiment Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out hunting.

31 And he also had made savory meat. the goats upon his hands, and upon the and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul

may bless me. 32 And Isaac his father said unto him. Who art thou? And he said, I am thy

son, thy firstborn, E'sau.

33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

34 And when E'sau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my

35 And he said, Thy brother came with

blessing.

36 And he said. Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not

37 And Isaac answered and said unto 24 And he said, Art thou my very son E'sau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

38 And E'sau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And E'sau lifted up his voice, and wept.

39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the

dew of heaven from above;

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live and shalt serve thy brother: and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke

of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and E'sau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother

Tacob.

42 And these words of E'sau her elder

sent and called Jacob her younger son. and said unto him. Behold, thy brother E'sau, as touching thee, doth comfort his wife. himself, burbosing to kill thee,

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to La'ban my

brother to Ha'ran;

44 And tarry with him a few days, until

thy brother's fury turn away:

45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be

deprived also of you both in one day? 46 And Rē-běk'ah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

CHAPTER 28

ND Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Ca'naan.

2 Arise, go to Pā'dān-ā'rām, to the house of Bē-thū'ĕl thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of La'ban thy mother's brother.

3 And God Almighty bless thee, and thee of, make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of

people:

4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee: that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

of Be-thu'el the Syrian, the brother of Rē-běk'ah, Jacob's and E'sau's mother.

6 ¶ When E'sau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Pā'dăn-ā'răm, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of bread to eat, and raiment to put on, Cā'năan:

7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and house in peace; then shall the LORD be his mother, and was gone to Pā'dăn-

ā'răm:

9 Then went E'sau unto Ish'mā-ĕl, and the tenth unto thee.

son were told to Re-bek'ah; and she took unto the wives which he had Ma' ha-lath the daughter of Ish'ma-el Abraham's son, the sister of Ne-ba'ioth, to be

> 10 ¶ And Jacob went out from Be'ershe'ba, and went toward Ha'ran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place. and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows. and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending

on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth; and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south; and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the

earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all blaces whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to

16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is

in this place; and I knew if not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morn-5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he ing, and took the stone that he had put went to Pā'dān-ā'rām unto Lā'bān, son for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was

called Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me

21 So that I come again to my father's

my God:

22 And this stone, which I have set for 8 And E'sau seeing that the daughters a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all of Ca'naan pleased not Isaac his father; that thou shalt give me I will surely give

CHAPTER 20

HEN Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.

the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it: for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's

mouth in his place.

4 And Tacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of

Hā'rān are we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye La'ban the son of Na'hor? And they said, We know him.

6 And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the

7 And he said. Lo. it is yet high day neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.

8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep

9 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep:

for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of La'ban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Lā'ban his mother's brother.

11 And Tacob kissed Rachel, and lifted

up his voice, and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was Rē-běk'ah's son: and she ran and told maid her father.

13 And it came to pass, when La'ban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told La'ban all these things.

14 And La'ban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

15 C And La'ban said unto Jacob. Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?

16 And La'ban had two daughters: the 2 And he looked, and behold a well in name of the elder was Le'ah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 Le'ah was tender eved; but Rachel was beautiful and well-favored.

18 And Tacob loved Rachel; and said. I will serve thee seven years for Rachel

thy younger daughter. 19 And La'ban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel: and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. 21 T And Jacob said unto La'ban, Give me my wife, for my days are ful-

filled, that I may go in unto her.

22 And La'ban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast, 23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Le'ah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto

24 And La'ban gave unto his daughter Lē'ah Zīl'pah his maid for a handmaid. 25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Le'ah: and he said to La'ban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And La'ban said. It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger

before the firstborn.

27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his

daughter to wife also.

29 And La'ban gave to Rachel his her father's brother, and that he was daughter Bil'hah his handmaid to be her

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Lē'ah, and served with him yet seven other years.

31 T And when the LORD saw that Lē'ah was hated, he opened her womb:

but Rachel was barren.

32 And Le'ah conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked

33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.

34 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and said. Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have borne him three sons: therefore

was his name called Levi.

35 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she said. Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah: and left bearing.

CHAPTER 30

AND when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Tacob. Give me children, or else I die.

And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from

thee the fruit of the womb?

3 And she said. Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

4 And she gave him Bil'hah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto

her. 5 And Bil'hah conceived, and bare

Jacob a son.

6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

7 And Bil'hah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

8 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Năph'tâ-lī.

9 When Le7ah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zil'pah her maid, and

gave her Jacob to wife.

10 And Zil'pah Lē'ah's maid bare Jacob a son.

11 And Le'ah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.

12 And Zil'pah Le'ah's maid bare Jacob

a second son.

13 And Lē'āh said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed; and she called his name Ash'er.

14 I And Reuben went in the days of

upon my affliction; now therefore my wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in husband will love me. the field, and brought them unto his mother Le'ah. Then Rachel said to Lē'ah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

15 And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to-night for thy son's mandrakes.

16 And Tacob came out of the field in the evening, and Le'ah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with

her that night.

17 And God hearkened unto Le'ah, and she conceived, and bare Tacob the fifth son.

18 And Le'ah said. God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband; and she called his name Ís sá-chär.

19 And Le'ah conceived again, and

bare Jacob the sixth son

20 And Lē'ah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons: and she called his name Zĕb'ū-lŭn.

21 And afterward she bare a daughter.

and called her name Dinah.

22 ¶ And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my

reproach:

24 And she called his name Joseph; and said. The LORD shall add to me

another son.

25 ¶ And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto La'ban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

26 Give me my wives and my children. for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

27 And La'ban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages,

and I will give it.

29 And he said unto him. Thou know-

cattle was with me.

30 For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased blessed thee since my coming: and now, when shall I provide for mine own house also?

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock.

32 I will pass through all thy flock to-day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire.

33 So shall my righteousness answer

for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with

34 And La'băn said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ring-streaked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the into the hand of his sons.

36 And he set three days' journey be-

the rest of La'ban's flocks.

37 ¶ And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree; and pilled white streaks in them. and made the white appear which was in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstreaked, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the flock of La'ban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not La'ban doeth unto thee. unto La'ban's cattle.

est how I have served thee, and how thy Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might

conceive among the rods.

42 But when the cattle were feeble, he unto a multitude; and the LORD hath put them not in: so the feebler were Lā'ban's, and the stronger Jacob's. 43 And the man increased exceedingly.

and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and

CHAPTER 31

ND he heard the words of La'ban's A sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Lā'băn, and, behold, it was not toward

him as before.

3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. 4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel

and Le'ah to the field unto his flock, 5 And said unto them, I see your fa-

ther's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my power

I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me. brown among the sheep, and gave them and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be twixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstreaked shall be thy hire; then bare all

the cattle ring-streaked. 9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled.

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: and I said,

Here am I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the ring-streaked, and all the brown in the cattle are ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled: for I have seen all that

13 I am the God of Beth-el, where thou 41 And it came to pass, whensoever anointedst the pillar, and where thou the stronger cattle did conceive, that vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take the land of thy kindred.

14 And Rachel and Le'ah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or

inheritance for us in our father's house? 15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite

devoured also our money.

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever force thy daughters from me. God hath said unto thee, do.

17 I Then Jacob rose up, and set his

sons and his wives upon camels;

18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten. the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Pā'dăn-ā'răm, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Ca'naan.

19 And Lā'băn went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that

were her father's.

Lā'băn the Syrian, in that he told him

not that he fled.

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gĭľē-ăd.

22 And it was told Laban on the third

day, that Jacob was fled.

23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gil'e-ad.

24 And God came to La'ban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob

either good or bad.

25 ¶ Then La'ban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and La'ban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gil'ē-ăd.

thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now

done foolishly in so doing.

you hurt: but the God of your father wages ten times.

thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob

either good or bad.

30 And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?

31 And Jacob answered and said to Lā'ban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me. and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

33 And Lā'băn went into Jacob's tent. and into Le'ah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Le'ah's tent,

and entered into Rachel's tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the images. 20 And Jacob stole away unawares to and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And La'ban searched all the tent, but found them not.

> 35 And she said to her father. Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found

not the images.

36 ¶ And Jacob was wroth, and chode with La'ban; and Tacob answered and said to La'ban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they

may judge betwixt us both.

38 This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have 26 And La'ban said to Tacob. What hast not cast their young, and the rams of thy

flock have I not eaten.

39 That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee: I bare the loss of it: of my hand didst thou require it. whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.

40 Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house: I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for 29 It is in the power of my hand to do thy cattle; and thou hast changed my

42 Except the God of my father, the. God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

43 ¶ And Lā'băn answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle. and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they

have borne?

44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. 45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it

up for a pillar.

46 And Jacob said unto his brethren. Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

47 And La'ban called it Je'gar-sa'hadū'tha: but Tacob called it Gal'e-ed.

48 And La'ban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Găl'ē-ĕd.

49 And Miz'päh; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we

are absent one from another.

50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee.

51 And La'ban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee:

52 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not me, for harm.

53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Na'hor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Tacob sware by the

fear of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laplace.

CHAPTER 32

ND Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said. This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Ma'ha-na'im.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to E'sau his brother unto the land

of Sē'ir, the country of E'dom.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord E'sau: Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with La'ban, and stayed there until now:

5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I

may find grace in thy sight.

6 ¶ And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother E'sau, and also he cometh to meet thee. and four hundred men with him.

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands:

8 And said, If E'sau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

9 Q And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me. Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Tordan: and now I am become two bands.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of E'sau: for I fear him, lest he will come pass over this heap and this pillar unto and smite me, and the mother with the

children.

12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 ¶ And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for E'sau his brother:

14 Two hundred she goats and twenty 55 And early in the morning La'ban he goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams.

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, ban departed, and returned unto his forty kine and ten bulls, twenty she asses and ten foals.

16 And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants. Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When E'sau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?

18 Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto. my lord E'sau: and, behold, also he is

behind us.

19 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto E sau, when ye find him.

20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.

21 So went the present over before him; and himself lodged that night in the

company,

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jab bok.

23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. 24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the

breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let

thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy

name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Is'rā-ĕl: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said. Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him

30 And Tacob called the name of the place Pē-nī'ĕl: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Pē-nū'ěl the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Is'rā-ĕl eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh,

unto this day; because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAPTER 33

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, E'sau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Le'ah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Le'ah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph

hindermost.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. 4 And E'sau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children, and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously

given thy servant.

6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Le'ah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9 And E'sau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thy-

10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

12 And he said. Let us take our jour-

ney, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me; and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant; and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Sē'īr.

15 And E'sau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

16 ¶ So E'sau returned that day on his

way unto Sē'ir. 17 And Jacob journeyed to Suc'coth, and built him a house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Suc'coth.

18 ¶ And Jacob came to Shā'lĕm, a city of Shē'ehem, which is in the land of Cā'năan, when he came from Pā'dănā'răm; and pitched his tent before the

19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Ha'mor, She' chem's father, for a hundred pieces of money.

20 And he erected there an altar, and

called it El'-E-lō'hĕ-Īs'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 34

AND Dinah the daughter of Le'ah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out

to see the daughters of the land. 2 And when Shē'chem the son of Hā' mor the Hi'vite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the dam-

4 And Shē'chem spake unto his father Hā'mŏr, saying, Get me this damsel to father. wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Īs'rā-ĕl in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Ha'mor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shē'chěm longeth for your daughter: I pray you

give her him to wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ve shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ve therein, and get you possessions

therein. 11 And Shē'chem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto

me I will give. 12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to

13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shē'chem and Hā'mor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:

15 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male

of you be circumcised:

16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you. and we will become one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us. to be circumcised: then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleased Hā'mŏr

and Shē'chem Hā'mor's son.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Tacob's daughter: and he was more honorable than all the house of his

20 Cl And Hā'mŏr and Shē'chĕm his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city.

saying,

21 These men are peaceable with us; 6 And Ha'mor the father of She' therefore let them dwell in the land, and chem went out unto Jacob to commune trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Only herein will the men consent people, if every male among us be cir- I went.

cumcised, as they are circumcised.

23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours?

only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hā'mŏr and unto Shēchem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out

of the gate of his city.

25 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly. and slew all the males.

26 And they slew Hā'mor and Shē' chem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of She'chem's

house, and went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they

had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field,

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in

the house.

30 And Tacob said to Simeon and Levi. Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Ca'naan-ites and the Periz-zītes: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31 And they said, Should he deal with

our sister as with a harlot?

CHAPTER 35

AND God said unto Jacob, Arise, go A up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of E'sau thy brother.

2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away in hard labor, that the midwife said unto the strange gods that are among you, her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son and be clean, and change your garments: also,

3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my disunto us for to dwell with us, to be one tress, and was with me in the way which

> 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand. and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak

which was by Shē'chem.

5 And they journeyed; and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pur-

sue after the sons of Jacob.

6 C So Tacob came to Luz which is in the land of Ca'naan, that is, Beth-el, he and all the people that were with him. 7 And he built there an altar, and called the place El'-beth'-el; because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 But Deborah Rē-běk'ah's nurse died. and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called Al'lon-bach'uth.

9 M And God appeared unto Jacob again, when ne came out of Pā'dan-

ā'rām, and blessed him.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Is'ra-el shall be thy name; and he called his name Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

11 And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy

loins;

12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. 13 And God went up from him in the

place where he talked with him.

14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Tacob called the name of the place where God spake with him.

Beth-el.

16 ¶ And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but a little way to come to Eph'rath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor.

17 And it came to pass, when she was

18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died,) that she called his name Běn-ō'nī: but his father called him Benjamin.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Eph'rath, which is Beth-

lehem.

20 And Tacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

21 ¶ And Is'rā-ĕl journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of

E'dar.

22 And it came to pass, when Iş'rā-ĕl dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bil'hah his father's concubine: and Iş'rā-ĕl heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

23 The sons of Lē'ah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Is'sa-char, and Zeb'ú-lun: 24 The sons of Rachel: Joseph, and

Benjamin:

25 And the sons of Bil'hah, Rachel's

handmaid; Dan, and Naph'tà-li:
26 And the sons of Zil'pah, Lē'ah's
handmaid; Gad, and Ash'er. These are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Pā'dǎn-ā'rǎm.

27 ¶ And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Măm'rē, unto the city of Ar'ba, which is He'bron, where Abra-

ham and Isaac sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac were a hun- lam, and Ko'rah.

dred and fourscore years.

29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons E'sau and Jacob buried him.

CHAPTER 36

NOW these are the generations of E'dom: these were the sons of A'dah.

17 And these are the sons of Reu'

ē-ŏn the Hi vite;

3 And Bash'ē-math Ish'mā-ĕl's daugh-

ter, sister of Nē-bā'jŏth. 4 And Ā'dāh bare to Ē'sau Ēl'i-phāz, and Bash'e-math bare Reu'el:

5 And A-höl'ī-bā'mah bare Jē'ŭsh, and Jā'a-lam, and Kō'rah: these are the sons of E'sau, which were born unto him in E'dom, and these are their dukes. the land of Ca'naan.

sons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Ca'naan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Tacob.

7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not

bear them because of their cattle. 8 Thus dwelt E'sau in mount Se'ir:

E'sáu is E'dom.

9 ¶ And these are the generations of E'sau the father of the E'dom-ites in mount Sē'ir:

10 These are the names of B'sau's sons; El'i-phaz the son of A'dah the wife of E'sau, Rey'el the son of Bash'e-math

the wife of E'sau.

11 And the sons of El'i-phaz were Te' măn, Ö'mar, Zē'phō, and Gā'tām, and

Ke'năz.

12 And Tim'na was concubine to El'Iphaz E'saû's son; and she bare to El'iphaz Am'a-lek: these were the sons of A'dah E'saû's wife.

13 And these are the sons of Reu'el; Na'hath, and Ze'rah, Sham'mah, and Miz'zah: these were the sons of Bash'e-

măth E'sau's wife.

14 I And these were the sons of A-hol'i-ba'mah, the daughter of A'nah the daughter of Zib'ë-on, E'sau's wife: and she bare to E'sau Je'ush, and Ja'a-

15 These were dukes of the sons of E'sau: the sons of El'i-phaz the firstborn son of E'sau; duke Te'man, duke O'mar.

duke Zē'phō, duke Kē'năz,

16 Duke Kö'rah, duke Ga'tam, and duke Am'a-lek: these are the dukes that came of El'i-phaz in the land of

17 ¶ And these are the sons of Reu'ël 2 E'san took his wives of the daughters E'san's son; duke Na hath, duke Ze' of Ca'naan; A'dah the daughter of E'lon rah, duke Sham'mah, duke Miz'zah: the Hit'tite, and A-hōi'l-bā'mah the these are the dukes that came of Rey'el daughter of A'nah the daughter of Zib' in the land of E'dom; these are the sons

of Băsh'ē-măth E'sau's wife.

18 I And these are the sons of A-hol'ibā'māh Ē'sau's wife; duke Jē' ŭsh, duke Jā'à-lam, duke Ko'rah: these were the dukes that came of A-hol'i-ba'mah the daughter of A'nah, E'sau's wife. 19 These are the sons of E'sau, who is

20 These are the sons of Se'ir the 6 And E'sau took his wives, and his Ho'rite, who inhabited the land; Lo'tan, sons, and his daughters, and all the per- and Shō'bal, and Zib'ē-on, and A'nah. shan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Se'ir in the land of E'dŏm.

22 And the children of Lo'tan were Hō'rī and Hē'măm; and Lō'tăn's sister

was Tim'na.

23 And the children of Sho'bal were these; Ål'văn, and Măn'a-hăth, and E'băl, Shē'phō, and Ö'năm.

24 And these are the children of Zib'ē-ŏn; both Ā'jāh, and Ā'nāh; this was that A'nah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zĭb'ē-ŏn his father.

25 And the children of A'nah were these; Di'shon, and A-hol'i-ba'mah the

daughter of A'nah.

26 And these are the children of Di' shon; Hem'dan, and Esh'ban, and Ith'ran, and Che'ran.

27 The children of E'zer are these: Bĭl'hăn, and Zā'a-văn, and Ā'kǎn.

28 The children of Di'shan are these;

Ŭz, and A'răn. 29 These are the dukes that came of the Hō'rītes; duke Lō'tăn, duke Shō'

băl, duke Zĭb'ē-ŏn, duke Ā'nāh, 30 Duke Di'shŏn, duke É'zēr, duke Di'shŏn: these are the dukes that came of Ho'ri, among their dukes in the land

of Së'ir.

31 ¶ And these are the kings that reigned in the land of E'dom, before there reigned any king over the children of Iş'rā-ěl.

32 And Be'la the son of Be'or reigned in E'dom: and the name of his city was

Dĭn'hà-bäh.

33 And Be'là died, and Jô'băb the son of Zē'rāh of Bŏz'rāh reigned in his stead. 34 And Jo'bab died, and Hū'sham of the land of Tem'a-ni reigned in his

stead.

35 And Hū'shām died, and Hā'dăd the son of Be'dad, who smote Mid'i-an in the field of Mo'ab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was A'vith.

36 And Hā'dăd died, and Săm'lah of Măs'rē-kah reigned in his stead.

37 And Săm'lah died, and Saul of Rēho'both by the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Bā'āl-hā'năn the son of Ach'bor reigned in his stead.

39 And Bā'āl-hā'năn the son of Ach! bor died, and Ha'dar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pā'ū; and his wife's name was Mē-hět'a-běl, his brethren: and his father rebuked

21 And Di'shon, and E'zer, and Di' the daughter of Ma'tred, the daughter of

Měz'ā-hăb.

40 And these are the names of the dukes that came of E'sau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Tim'nah, duke Al'vah, duke Je'theth,

41 Duke A-höl'i-bā'mah, duke E'lah,

duke Pī'nŏn.

42 Duke Kē'năz, duke Tē'măn, duke

Mīb'zār,

43 Duke Mag'di-ĕl, duke I'ram: these be the dukes of E'dom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is E'sau the father of the E'dom-ites.

CHAPTER 37

AND Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Cā'năan.

2 These are the generations of Tacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bil'hah, and with the sons of Zil'pah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Iş'rā-ĕl loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat

of many colors.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren; and they hated

him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: 7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his

dreams, and for his words.

9 ¶ And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to

dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but

his father observed the saying. 12 C And his brethren went to feed

their father's flock in She'chem.

13 And Is'rā-ĕl said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren. and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of He'bron, and he came to Shë'chem.

15 ¶ And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying,

What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed

their flocks.

17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dô'thăn. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dö'thăn.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them. they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another, Be-

hold, this dreamer cometh.

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said,

Let us not kill him.

22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colors that was on him:

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread; and unto her.

him, and said unto him, What is this they lifted up their eyes and looked, and. behold, a company of Ish'mā-ĕl-ītes came from Gil'e-ad, with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh. going to carry it down to Egypt.

26 And Judah said unto his brethren. What profit is it if we slay our brother.

and conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ish'mā-ĕl-ites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh: and his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Mid'i-an-ites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ish'mā-ĕl-ītes for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 T And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the

pit; and he rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren. and said, The child is not; and I. whither shall I go?

31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the

coat in the blood:

32 And they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat

33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in

pieces.

34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned

for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my. son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36 And the Mid'i-an-ites sold him into Egypt unto Pŏt'i-phar, an officer of Phā'raōh's, and captain of the guard.

CHAPTER 38

ND it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain A-dullăm-ite, whose name was Hī'rah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Ca'năan-îte, whose name was Shu'ah; and he took her, and went in

3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er.

4 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she called his name O'nan. 5 And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name She'lah: and he was at Chē'zīb, when she bare

him.

6 And Tudah took a wife for Er his

firstborn, whose name was Tā'mar.
7 And Er, Judah's firstborn, wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the

LORD slew him.

8 And Judah said unto O'năn. Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her,

and raise up seed to thy brother.

9 And O'nan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.

10 And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew

him also.

11 Then said Judah to Tā'mār his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till She'lah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Ta'mar went and dwelt in her father's house.

12 ¶ And in process of time the daughter of Shu'ah Tudah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Tim'nath, he and his friend Hi'rah the A-dul'lam-ite.

13 And it was told Ta'mar, saving, Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up to Tim-

nath to shear his sheep.

14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnăth; for she saw that She'lah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

15 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; because she had cov-

ered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way. and said. Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law:) and she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

17 And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?

18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by

19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her veil from her, and put on the

garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the A-dul'lam-ite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

21 Then he asked the men of that place. saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the wayside? And they said. There was no harlot in this blace.

22 And he returned to Judah, and said I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot

in this blace.

23 And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

24 I And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah. saying, Tā'mar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

25 When she was brought forth she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and brace-

lets, and staff.

26 And Judah acknowledged them, and said. She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shē'lāh my son. And he knew her again no more.

27 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were

in her womb.

28 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Phā'rēz.

30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Za'rah,

CHAPTER 39

AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Pot'i-phar, an officer of Pha'raöh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ish' mā-él-ites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.
4 And Joseph found grace in his sight,

and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he

had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not aught he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well-

favored.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath

to my hand;

9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife; how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him

out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth. 14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled.

and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her,

until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his gar-

ment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound; and he

was there in the prison.

21 ¶ But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

CHAPTER 40

AND it came to pass after these of things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

2 And Pha'raöh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the

bakers.

3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward. 5 ¶ And they dreamed a dream both

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night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and,

behold, they were sad.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so

sadiv to-day?

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God?

tell me them, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream,

behold, a vine was before me:

10 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

11 And Phā'raōh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Phā'raōh's cup, and I gave the cup

into Phā'raōh's hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three

branches are three days:

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place; and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Phā'raōh, and bring me out

of this house:

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should

out me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head:

17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Phā² raöh: and the birds did eat them out of

the basket upon my head.

18 And Toseph answered and said. This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days:

of them, each man his dream in one lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

20 Q And it came to pass the third day, which was Pha'raoh's birthday, that he

made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his

servants.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Phā'raoh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as

Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him.

CHAPTER 41

ND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Phā'raōh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well-favored kine and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, illfavored and lean-fleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favored and fat kine. Šo Phā'raöh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

6 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up

after them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaöh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Phā'raöh.

9 ¶ Then spake the chief butler unto Phā'raōh, saying, I do remember my

faults this day:

10 Pha'raoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker:

11 And we dreamed a dream in one 19 Yet within three days shall Pha'raoh night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream

12 And there was there with us a voung man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon; and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Phā'raōh.

15 And Phā'raöh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst under-

stand a dream to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Phä'raōh, saving. It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

17 And Pha'raöh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the

bank of the river:

18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and wellfavored; and they fed in a meadow:

19 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favored and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

20 And the lean and the ill-favored kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:

21 And when they had eaten them up it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill-favored, as at the beginning. So I awoke. 22 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, sleven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind.

sprung up after them:

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears; and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

25 ¶ And Joseph said unto Phā'raōh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath showed Phä'raöh what he is about to do.

years: the dream is one.

27 And the seven thin and ill-favored neck kine that came up after them are seven

years: and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years

of famine.

28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Phā'raōh: What God is about to do he showeth unto Phā'raōh.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt: and the famine shall consume the land:

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Phā'raōh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 Now therefore let Phā'raōh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him

over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Phā'raōh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 C And the thing was good in the eves of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Phā'raōh said unto his servants. Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Phā'raōh said unto Toseph. Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will be greater than thou.

41 And Phā'raōh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 And Pha'raöh took off his ring from

26 The seven good kine are seven his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, years; and the seven good ears are seven and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his 43 And he made him to ride in the

second chariot which he had; and they to Joseph for to buy corn; because that cried before him. Bow the knee: and he the famine was so sore in all lands. made him ruler over all the land of

Egypt.

44 And Phā'raōh said unto Joseph, I am Phā'raöh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the

land of Egypt.
45 And Phā'raōh called Joseph's name Zăph'nàth-pā'à-nē'àh; and he gave him to wife As'e-nath the daughter of Pot'iphē'rah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

46 ¶ And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Phā'raōh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through-

out all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the

earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering: for it was without number. 50 And unto Joseph were born two

sons, before the years of famine came: which As'e-nath the daughter of Pot'iphē'rah priest of On bare unto him,

51 And Joseph called the name of the they knew not him. firstborn Ma-nas'seh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all

my father's house.

52 And the name of the second called he E'phrā-im: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. 53 Of And the seven years of plente-

ousness, that was in the land of Egypt.

were ended.

54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pha'raoh for bread: and Pha'raoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

57 And all countries came into Egypt come hither.

CHAPTER 42

YOW when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence: that we may live, and not die.

3 I And Toseph's ten brethren went

down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Tacob sent not with his brethren: for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall.

5 And the sons of Is'rā-ĕl came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Ca'naan.

6 And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

7 And Toseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them. Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Ca'naan to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but

9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them. Ye are spies: to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants

11 We are all one man's sons: we are true men; thy servants are no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said. Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Ca'naan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

14 And Joseph said unto them. That is if that I spake unto you, saying, Ye

are spies: .

15 Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pha'raoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Phā'raoh surely ye are spies.

17 And he put them all together into

ward three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God:

19 If we be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine

of your houses:

20 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ve shall not die. And they did so. 21 C And they said one to another.

We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto

them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him

before their eyes.

25 C Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with the

corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth.

28 And he said unto his brethren. My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

29 ¶ And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Carnaan, and told him all that befell unto them; brother be with you.

saying,

30 The man, who is the lord of the land spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

31 And we said unto him, We are true

men: we are no spies:

32 We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Cā'năan.

33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and

be gone:

34 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that we are true men; so will I deliver you your brother, and ve

shall traffic in the land.

35 ¶ And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ve bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

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AND the famine was sore in the land. . 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

5 But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your 6 And Ĭş'rā-ĕl said, Wherefore dealt

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ve so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7 And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saving. Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

8 And Judah said unto Iş'rā-ĕl his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and

little ones.

9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

10 For except we had lingered, surely

now we had returned this second time. 11 And their father Is'rā-ĕl said unto them. If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices and myrrh, nuts and almonds:

12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it

was an oversight.

13 Take also your brother, and arise,

go again unto the man:

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

15 \ And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before

Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.

17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Jo-

seph's house.

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said. Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. born according to his birthright, and the

19 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

20 And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

21 And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

22 And other money have we brought not die, both we, and thou, and also our down in our hands to buy food; we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23 And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave

their asses provender.

25 And they made ready the present against Toseph came at noon; for they heard that they should eat bread there. 26 ¶ And when Joseph came home,

they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

27 And he asked them of their welfare, and said. Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?

28 And they answered. Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son. and said. Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said,

Ser on bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself. and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews: for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

33 And they sat before him, the first-

youngest according to his youth: and the men marveled one at another.

34 And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

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AND he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their

asses.

4 And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded

evil for good?

5 Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

6 ¶ And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing:

8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Ca'naan; how then should we steal out of thy lard's house silver or gold?

9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also

will be my lord's bondmen.

10 And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless.

11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened

every man his sack.

12 And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, and aded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 ¶ And Judah and his brethren saw him not since:

came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly

divine?

16 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants; behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto

your father.

18 ¶ Then Judah came near unto him, and said, O my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Phā'raōh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying,

Have ye a father, or a brother?

20 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set

mine eyes upon him.

22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

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25 And our father said, Go again, and

buy us a little food.

26 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

27 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two

sons:

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up

in the lad's life;

31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the

blame to my father for ever.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

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THEN Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Phā'raōh heard.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. 4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you

to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to

save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Phā'raōh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Gō'shen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy chil-

dren's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is

my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin

wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them; and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the fame thereof was heard in Pha'raôh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pha'

raöh well, and his servants.

17 And Phā'raōh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Cā'nāan;

IS And take your father and your households, and come unto me and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

20 Also regard not your stuff; for the

good of all the land of Egypt is yours. 21 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Phā'raōh,

and gave them provision for the way. 22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and

five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

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24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them. See that ve fall not out by the way.

25 C And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Ca'naan unto

Tacob their father.

26 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Tacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit

of Tacob their father revived.

28 And Is'rā-ĕl said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

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AND Îs'rā-ĕl took his journey with all that he had, and came to Bē'ērshe'ba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

2 And God spake unto Iş'rā-ĕl in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Tacob. And he said, Here am I.

3 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt: for I will there make of thee a

great nation.

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand

upon thine eves.

5 And Jacob rose up from Be'er-she' ba: and the sons of Iş'rā-ĕl carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Phā' raöh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Ca'naan, and came into Egypt, Jacob,

and all his seed with him:

7 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8 I And these are the names of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

9 And the sons of Reuben: Hā'nŏch,

and Phal'lu, and Hez'ron, and Car'mi. 10 ¶ And the sons of Simeon; Jēmu'el, and Jā'min, and O'had, and Jā'ehin, and Zō'har, and Shā'ūl the son of a Ca'năan-ît-ish woman.

Jacob and his family ao down into Eaubt 11 Of And the sons of Levi: Ger'shon.

Kö'hath, and Mē-rā'rī.

12 Q And the sons of Judah: Er. and O'năn, and She'lah, and Pha'rez, and Zā'rah: but Er and O'nan died in the land of Ca'naan. And the sons of Phas rēz were Hĕz'rŏn and Hā'mŭl.

13 I And the sons of Is'sa-char; Tô'là, and Phū'vah, and Job, and Shim'ron.

14 W And the sons of Zeb'ū-lun: Se-

red, and E'lon, and Tah'le-el.

15 These be the sons of Le'ah, which she bare unto Jacob in Pā'dan-ā'rām, with his daughter Dinah; all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three.

16 I And the sons of Gad: Ziph'i-ön. and Hag'gi, Shu'ni, and Ez'bon, E'ri.

and Ar'o-di, and A-re'li.

17 ¶ And the sons of Ash'er; Jim'nah, and Ish'ū-ah, and Is'ū-ī, and Bē-rī'ah, and Serah their sister; and the sons of Bē-rī'ah; Hē'bēr, and Măl'chī-ĕl.

18 These are the sons of Zil'pah, whom La'ban gave to Le'ah his daughter: and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen

souls.

19 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife:

Joseph, and Benjamin.

20 M And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Må-nas'seh and E'phra-im, which As'e-nath the daughter of Pot'i-phe'rah priest of On bare unto him.

21 ¶ And the sons of Benjamin were Bē'lah, and Bē'chēr, and Ash'bĕl, Gē'ra. and Na'a-man, E'hi, and Rosh, Mup-

pim, and Hup'pim, and Ard. 22 These are the sons of Rachel, which

were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen.

23 ¶ And the sons of Dan; Hū'shǐm. 24 And the sons of Naph'ta-li; Jäh' zē-ĕl. and Gū'nī, and Jē'zēr, and Shil'lem.

25 These are the sons of Bil'hah, which Lā'ban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob; all the

souls were seven.

26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls

were threescore and six:

27 And the sons of Joseph, which were borne him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Gō'shen; and they came into the land of Gö'shĕn.

29 And Joseph made ready his chariot. and went up to meet Is'ra-el his father, to Gö'shen, and presented himself unto him: and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Is'rā-ĕl said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face.

because thou art yet alive.

31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up. and show Pha'raöh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house. which were in the land of Ca'naan, are come unto me;

32 And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their

herds, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass, when Phā'raōh shall call you, and shall say,

What is your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Gö'shen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

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HEN Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Ca'naan; and, behold, they are in the land of Go'shen.

2 And he took some of his brethren. even five men, and presented them unto

Phā'raöh.

3 And Phā'raöh said unto his brethren. What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh. Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Phā'raōh. For to sojourn in the land are we come: for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Ca'naan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Gō'shĕn.

5 And Phā'raōh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are

come unto thee:

6 The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and lord also hath our herds of cattle; there

28 C And he sent Judah before him brethren to dwell: in the land of Go'shen let them dwell: and if thou knowest anu men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and

Jacob blessed Phā'raöh.

8 And Phā'raōh said unto Tacob, How

old art thou?

9 And Tacob said unto Phā'raōh. The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Phā'raōh.

11 C And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Răm'ē-sēş, as Phā'raōh had commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father. and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to

their families.

13 Q And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Ca'naan fainted by reason of the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Ca'naan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's

house.

15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Ca'naan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said. Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle: and I will give you for your cattle, if

money fail.

17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses; and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my is not aught left in the sight of my lord,

but our bodies, and our lands:

19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Phā'raōh; and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pha'raoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land

became Phā'raōh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end

thereof.

22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Phä'raoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Phā'raöh: lo, here is seed for you, and we shall sow the land.

24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Phā'raōh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Phā'raōh's

servants.

26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Phā'raōh's.

27 I And Is'rā-ĕl dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Gō'shen; and they had possessions therein, and grew,

and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was a hundred forty and seven

vears.

29 And the time drew nigh that Iş'rā-ĕl must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:
30 But I will lie with my fathers, and

bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Iş'rā-ĕl bowed himself upon the bed's head.

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ND it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Ma-nas'seh and E'phrā-im.

2 And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Is'rā-ĕl strengthened himself, and sat

upon the bed.

3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Ca'naan, and blessed me,

4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

5 M And now thy two sons, E'phrā-im and Ma-nas'seh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt, before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

6 And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren

in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Pā'dăn, Rachel died by me in the land of Ca'naan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Eph' răth: and I buried her there in the way of Eph'rath; the same is Beth-lehem.

8 And Is'rā-ĕl beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?

9 And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless

10 Now the eyes of Is'rā-ĕl were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

11 And Iş'rā-ĕl said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God

hath showed me also thy seed.

12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

13 And Joseph took them both, E'phrathou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and im in his right hand toward Is'ra-el's left hand, and Må-näs'sĕh in his left hand toward Is'rā-ĕl's right hand, and

brought them near unto him.

14 And Is'ra-ĕl stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon E'phrä-im's head. who was the younger, and his left hand upon Mà-năs'sĕh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Ma-nas'seh was the firstborn.

15 I And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of E'phrā-im, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from E'phrā-im's head unto Ma-nas-

sĕh's head.

18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

20 And he blessed them that day, saying. In thee shall Is'ra-el bless, saying, God make thee as E'phra-im and as Mā-nās'sēh: and he set E'phrā-im be-

fore Ma-năs'sĕh.

21 And Is'rā-ĕl said unto Joseph, Behold, I die; but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Am'o-rite with my sword and with my bow.

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that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto İş'rā-ĕl your father.

3 @ Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my

might, and the beginning of my strength, fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he

went up to my couch.

5 ¶ Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter

them in Is'rā-ĕl.

8 ¶ Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise; thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies: thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shi'loh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes shall be red with wine, and

his teeth white with milk.

13 ¶ Zěb'ū-lŭn shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for a haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zi'don.

14 ¶ Is'så-chär is a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

15 And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

16 I Dan shall judge his people, as

one of the tribes of Is ra-el.

17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, AND Jacob called unto his sons, and an adder in the path, that biteth the said, Gather yourselves together, horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

18 I have waited for thy salvation. O' LORD.

19 ¶ Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

20 C Out of Ash'er his bread shall be

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21 @ Năph'ta-li is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

22 ¶ Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well: whose branches run over the wall:

23 The archers have sorely grieved

him, and shot at him, and hated him: 24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Tacob: (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Is'rā-ĕl;)

25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and

of the womb:

26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

27 II Benjamin shall raven as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

28 I All these are the twelve tribes of Is'rā-el: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of E'phron the Hit'tite,

30 In the cave that is in the field of Mặch-pẽ'làh, which is before Mặm'rē, in the land of Cā'năan, which Abraham bought with the field of E'phron the Hit' tite for a possession of a buryingplace.

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rē-bek'ah his wife; and there I

buried Lē'ah.

32 The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the chil-

dren of Heth.

of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAPTER 50

AND Joseph fell upon his father's 1 face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

2 And Toseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. and the physicians embalmed Is'ra-el

3 And forty days were fulfilled for himfor so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

4 And when the days of his mourning were past. Toseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in

the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo. I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Ca'naan. there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

6 And Phā'raōh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee

swear.

7 I And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Phā'raōh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of

Egypt.

8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Gö'shĕn.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very

great company.

10 And they came to the threshingfloor of A'tad, which is beyond Jordan: and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Ca'naan-ites, saw the mourning in the floor of A'tad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called A'běl-miz'rā-im, which is beyond Jordan.

12 And his sons did unto him accord-

ing as he commanded them:

13 For his sons carried him into the 33 And when Jacob had made an end land of Ca'naan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Mach-pe'lah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of E'phron the Hīt'tīte, before Măm'rē.

> 14 And Joseph returned into Egypt. he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he

had buried his father.

15 C And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Toseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which unto them. we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command

hefore he died, saving,

17 So shall ye say unto Toseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said. Be-

hold, we be thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil from hence. against me: but God meant it unto good. to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ve not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly

22 C And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house; and Joseph lived

a hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw E'phrā-im's children of the third generation: the children also of Mā'chir the son of Mànăs'sĕh were brought up upon Toseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren. the God of thy father. And Joseph wept I die; and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Tacob.

> 25 And Toseph took an oath of the children of Is'rā-el, saying, God will surely visit you, and ve shall carry up my bones

26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him. and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Is'sa-char, Zeb'ū-lun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan, and Năph'ta-lī, Gad, and

Ash'er.

Joseph was in Egypt already.

6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren,

and all that generation.

7 I And the children of Is'rā-ĕl were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty: and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl are more and mightier than we:

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with

Now these are the names of the children of Is ra-el, which came into Egypt; every man and his transport may not the came and fight against us. and so get the came into Egypt; every man and his transport may not they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us. and so get the come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us.

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pha'raoh treasure cities, Pī'thom and Rā'am-sēs.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the 5 And all the souls that came out of the more they multiplied and grew. And loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for they were grieved because of the children of Is'ra-ël.

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Is'rā-ĕl to serve with rigor:

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made

them serve, was with rigor.

15 ¶ And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiph'rah, and the name of the other Pu'ah;

16 And he said. When ve do the office

of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools, if it be a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a child's mother. daughter, then she shall live.

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded

them, but saved the men children alive. 18 And the king of Egypt called for the nursed it. midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive

19 And the midwives said unto Phat raöh. Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied,

and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made

them houses.

22 And Phā'raōh charged all his people, saving. Every son that is born ve shall cast into the river, and every daughter ve shall save alive.

CHAPTER 2

AND there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three

months.

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit

what would be done to him.

5 ¶ And the daughter of Phā'raōh. came down to wash herself at the river: and her maidens walked along by the river's side: and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said. This is one of the Hebrews'

children.

7 Then said his sister to Phā'raōh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8 And Phā'raōh's daughter said to her Go. And the maid went and called the

9 And Phā'raōh's daughter said unto her. Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child. and

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I

drew him out of the water.

11 ¶ And it came to pass in those days. when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him

in the sand.

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said.

Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Phā'raōh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pha'raoh. and dwelt in the land of Mid'i-an: and he sat down by a well.

16 Now the priest of Mid'i-an had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to

water their father's flock.

17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. 18 And when they came to Reu'el their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to-day?

19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for

us, and watered the flock.

20 And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zippö'rah his daughter.

called his name Ger'shom: for he said, and I have also seen the oppression I have been a stranger in a strange land.

23 ¶ And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Iş'ra-el sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their Is'ra-el out of Egypt. cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God looked upon the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and God had respect unto

them.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Mid'i-an: and he led the flock to the back side of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Hō'rĕb.

2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and

the bush was not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy

ground. 6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was

7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I

know their sorrows:

afraid to look upon God.

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Ca'naan-ites, and the Hit'tites, and the Am'o-rites, and the Per'iz-zites. and the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'ū-sites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the mighty hand.

22 And she bare him a son, and he children of Is'ra-el is come unto me:

wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Phā'raöh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of

11 I And Moses said unto God. Who am I, that I should go unto Phā'raōh, and that I should bring forth the chil-

dren of Iş'rā-ĕl out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Isrā-ĕl, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I Am THAT I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Is'ra-el.

I Am hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, The LORD God of your fathers. the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go, and gather the elders of Is'ra-ël together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saving, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you

in Egypt:

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Ca'naan-ites, and the Hittītes, and the Ām'ō-rītes, and the Pĕr' iz-zites, and the Hi'vites, and the Teb'ūsites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Is'rā-ĕl, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' iourney into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

19 T And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall

not go empty:

22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth thy mouth, and teach thee what thou in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

CHAPTER 4

ND Moses answered and said, But. A behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of

Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. 6 I And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold,

his hand was leprous as snow. 7 And he said. Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned

again as his other flesh.

8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land; and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

10 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, even thy firstborn.

O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant; but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or

the blind? have not I the LORD?

12 Now therefore go, and I will be with shalt sav.

13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom

thou wilt send.

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Le'vite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also. behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.

17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine

hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.
18 ¶ And Moses went and returned to Tethro his father-in-law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Mid'i-an, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.

20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses. When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that

he shall not let the people go.
22 And thou shalt say unto Phā'raōh, Thus saith the LORD, Iş'rā-ĕl is my son,

even my firstborn:

23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son,

24 C And it came to pass by the way in straw to make brick, as heretofore: let the inn, that the LORD met him, and them go and gather straw for themsought to kill him.

25 Then Zip-pö'rah took a sharp stone. and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the

circumcision.

27 M And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

29 C And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the

children of Iş'rā-ĕl:

30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses. and did the signs in the sight of the

people.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Is'ra-el, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

CHAPTER 5

AND afterward Moses and Aaron went A in, and told Phā'raōh, Thus saith the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2 And Phā'raōh said, Who is the Lorp, that I should obey his voice to let Isrā-ĕl go? I know not the LORD, neither

will I let Iş'rā-ĕl go.

3 And they said. The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God: lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword

4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you

unto your burdens.

5 And Pha'raoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall no more give the people the eyes of Pha'raoh, and in the eyes of

selves

8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish aught thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry. saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our

God.

9 Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labor therein; and let them not regard vain words.

10 I And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Phā'raōh, I will not give you straw.

11 Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: vet not aught of your work shall

be diminished.

12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.

13 And the taskmasters hasted them. saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw.

14 And the officers of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, which Phā'raōh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to-day, as heretofore?

15 Of Then the officers of the children of Is ra-el came and cried unto Pharaöh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou

thus with thy servants?

16 There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten: but the fault is in thine own people.

17 But he said. Ye are idle, ue are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacri-

fice to the LORD.

18 Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Îs'rā-ĕl did see that they were in evil case, after it was said. Ye shall not minish aught from your bricks of your daily task.

20 C And they met Moses and Aaron. who stood in the way, as they came forth

from Phā'raöh:

21 And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savor to be abhorred in his servants, to put a sword in their hand saying, Behold, the children of Is'ra-si

to slay us.

22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it that

thou hast sent me 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to

this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

CHAPTER 6

HEN the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pha'raoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said

unto him, I am the LORD:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty; but by my name JE-HOVAH was I not known to them.

4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Ca'năan, the land of their pilgrimage,

wherein they were strangers.

5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have

remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

7 And I will take you to me for a people. and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the

burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for a heritage: I am the LORD

9 ¶ And Moses spake so unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for

cruel bondage.

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

11 Go in, speak unto Phā'raōh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Isrā-ĕl go out of his land.

have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Phā'raōh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and unto Phā'raōh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Is'ra-el out of the land of Egypt.

14 These be the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Is'rā-ĕl; Hā'nŏch, and Păl' lū, Hez'ron, and Car'mi: these be the

families of Reuben.

15 And the sons of Simeon; Jē-mū'ĕi, and Jā'mĭn, and Ō'hād, and Jā'ehīn, and Zō'har, and Shā'ŭl the son of a Ca'năanit'ish woman: these are the families of Simeon.

16 I And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gēr'shon, and Ko'hath, and Mērā'rī: and the years of the life of Levi were a hundred thirty and seven years.

17 The sons of Ger'shon; Lib'ni, and Shim'i, according to their families.

18 And the sons of Ko'hath; Am'ram, and Iz'här, and He'bron, and Uz-zī'ěl: and the years of the life of Ko'hath were a hundred thirty and three years.

19 And the sons of Mē-rā'rī; Mā'hà-lī and Mū'shī: these are the families of Levi according to their generations.

20 And Am'ram took him Toch'e-bed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Am'ram were a hundred and thirty and seven years.

21 ¶ And the sons of Iz'här; Kō'rah.

and Ne'pheg, and Zich'rī.

22 And the sons of Uz-zī'ěl; Mish'ā-ĕl,

and El-zā'phan, and Zith'rī.

23 And Aaron took him E-lish'e-ba. daughter of Am-min'à-dăb, sister of Nā-āsh'ŏn, to wife; and she bare him Nā'dāb and A-bī'hū, El'ē-ā'zar and th'a-mär.

24 And the sons of Ko'rah; As'sīr, and El-kā'nah, and A-bī'a-saph: these are

the families of the Kôr'hītes.

25 And Ěl'ē-ā'zar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Pu'ti-ĕl to wife: and she bare him Phin'e-has: these are the heads of the fathers of the Le'vites according to their families.

26 These are that Aaron and Moses, to 12 And Moses spake before the LORD, whom the LORD said, Bring out the chilThe rod a serbent. The waters turned to blood

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dren of Iş'rā-ĕl from the land of Egypt clans of Egypt, they also did in like manaccording to their armies.

27 These are they which spake to Pha? raoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Is'ra-ël from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.

28 I And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spake unto Moses in the

land of Egypt,

29 That the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, I am the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.

30 And Moses said before the LORD. Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pha'raoh hearken unto me?

CHAPTER 7

ND the LORD said unto Moses, See, ✓ I have made thee a god to Phā² raöh; and Aaron thy brother shall be thy

prophet.

2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee; and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Phā'raōh, that he send the children of Is'rā-ĕl out of his land.

3 And I will harden Phā'raōh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders

in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Is'ra-el, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Iş'rā-ĕl from among them.

6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

7 And Moses was fourscore years old. and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Phā'raöh.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses

and unto Aaron, saying,

9 When Phā'raōh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron. Take thy rod. and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

10 ¶ And Moses and Aaron went in unto Phā'raöh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Phā'raōh, and before his servants, and it became a ser-

pent.

11 Then Phā'raöh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magi- raoh's heart was hardened, neither did

ner with their enchantments. 12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but

Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. 13 And he hardened Phā'raōh's heart.

that he hearkened not unto them; as the

LORD had said.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses. Phā'raōh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was

turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

16 And thou shalt say unto him. The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold. I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the

water of the river.

19 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt. both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pha'raoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were

turned to blood.

21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Phahe hearken unto them; as the LORD had and from thy houses, and from thy serv-

23 And Phā'raöh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

CHAPTER 8

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Phā'raōh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with

frogs:

3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs:

4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all

thy servants.

5 I And the LORD spake unto Moses. Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. 7 And the magicians did so with their

enchantments, and brought up frogs

upon the land of Egypt.

and Aaron, and said, Entreat the LORD. that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

9 And Moses said unto Phā'raōh, Glory over me: when shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?

10 And he said, To-morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word; that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, this sign be.

ants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Phā'raöh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had

brought against Phā'raōh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses: and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together

upon heaps; and the land stank.

15 But when Phā'raōh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

16 I And the LORD said unto Moses. Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of

Egypt.

17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon

man, and upon beast.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharivers, and over the ponds, and cause raoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaöh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

20 T And the LORD said unto Moses Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Phā'raōh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses the LORD, Let my people go, that they

may serve me.
21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold. I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

22 And I will sever in that day the land of Gō'shen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the

LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to-morrow shall

24 And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Phā'raōh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

25 © And Phā'raōh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice

to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do: for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.

28 And Phā'raōh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Phā'raōh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow: but let not Phat raōh deal deceitfully any more in not let-LORD.

30 And Moses went out from Phā'raöh.

and entreated the LORD.

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Phä'raöh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

32 And Phā'raōh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the

people go.

CHAPTER 9

HEN the LORD said unto Moses, L Go in unto Phā'raōh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the He- mayest know that there is none like me brews, Let my people go, that they may in all the earth. serve me.

2 For if thou refuse to let them go, and

wilt hold them still.

3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain.

4 And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Iş'rā-ĕl and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all go? that is the children's of Is'rā-el.

5 And the Lorp appointed a set time. saying, To-morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Is-

rā-ĕl died not one.

7 And Pha'raoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Is'raěl-ites dead. And the heart of Phā'raōh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 T And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight

of Phä'raöh.

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains

upon man, and upon beast.

11 And the magicians could not stand ting the people go to sacrifice to the before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pha'raoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto

Moses.

13 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses. Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou

15 For now I will stretch out my hand. that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

16 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them

18 Behold, to-morrow about this time

I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. 19 Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which

shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. 20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made

his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:

21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his

cattle in the field.

22 I And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven. that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail

upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as that y there was none like it in all the land of LORD. Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

26 Only in the land of Go'shen, where the children of Is'ra-ĕl were, was there

no hail.

27 T And Phā'raöh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Entreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and

ye shall stay no longer.

29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD: and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD's.

30 But as for thee and thy servants, I

God.

31 And the flax and the barley we smitten: for the barley was in the ea and the flax was bolled.

32 But the wheat and the rye were no smitten: for they were not grown un.

33 And Moses went out of the city from Phā'raōh, and spread abroad his hand unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And the heart of Phā'raōh was hard. ened, neither would he let the children of Is'rā-ĕl go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

CHAPTER 10

↑ND the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Phā'raōh; for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these my signs before him:

2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them: that ye may know how that I am the

3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Phā'raōh, and said unto him. Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring the

locusts into thy coast:

5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Phā'raöh.

7 And Phā'raōh's servants said unto know that ye will not yet fear the LORD him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Phā'raöh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God:

but who are they that shall go?

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it: for

evil is before you.

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11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ve did desire. And they were driven out from Pha-

raōh's presence.

12 T And the LORD said unto Moses. Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the

locusts.

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Phā'raōh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and

against you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and

entreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty

serve the LORD their God: knowest there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

20 But the LORD hardened Phā'raöh's heart, so that he would not let the chil-

dren of Is'rā-ĕl go.

21 C And the LORD said unto Moses. Stretch out thine hand toward heaven. that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven: and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three

days:

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Is'ra-ĕl had light in their dwellings.

24 ¶ And Phā⁷raōh called unto Moses. and said. Go ve. serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be staved: let your little ones also go with you.

25 And Moses said. Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our

God.

26 Our cattle also shall go with us: there shall not a hoof be left behind: for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

27 ¶ But the LORD hardened Phase raoh's heart, and he would not let

them go.

28 And Phä'raöh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more,

· CHAPTER 11

ND the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Phā'raōh, and upon Egypt; afterward he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

3 And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the strong west wind, which took away the land of Egypt, in the sight of Phā'raōh's locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; servants, and in the sight of the people.

4 And Moses said, Thus saith the whole assembly of the congregation of LORD, About midnight will I go out into Is'ra-el shall kill it in the evening.

the midst of Egypt:

5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne. even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill: and all the firstborn of beasts.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like

it any more.

7 But against any of the children of Is'rā-ĕl shall not a dog move his tongue. against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Is'rā-ĕl.

8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Phā'raöh in a great anger.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pha! rach shall not hearken unto you: that my wonders may be multiplied in the LORD.

land of Egypt. 10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Phā'raōh; and the LORD hardened Phā'raöh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Is'ra-el go out of his land.

CHAPTER 12

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first

month of the year to you.

3 C Speak ve unto all the congregation of Is'rā-ĕl, saying. In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house:

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year; ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper doorpost of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread: and with bitter herbs they shall

eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall

burn with fire.

11 C And thus shall ve eat it: with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite

the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and we shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations: ve shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread: even the first day ve shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul

shall be cut off from Iş'rā-ĕl.

16 And in the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

17 And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

18 In the first month, on the four-

teenth day of the month at even, ve shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Is'rā-ĕl, whether he be a stranger. or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened: in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened

bread.

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Is'rā-ĕl, and said unto them. Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ve shall take a bunch of hyssop. and dip it in the blood that is in the hasin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin: and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ve shall keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you. What mean

ve by this service?

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Isrā-ĕl in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Is'ra-ĕl went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 T And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Phā'raōh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Phā'raöh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in

Egypt: for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

31 C And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ve and the children of Is'ra-el; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and

bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes

upon their shoulders.

35 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

36 And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required: and they spoiled the Egyp-

tians.

37 ¶ And the children of Ĭş'rā-ĕl jour-neyed from Răm'ē-sēş to Suc'cŏth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even

very much cattle.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victuals.

40 ¶ Now the sojourning of the children of Is'ra-el, who dwelt in Egypt, was

four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Is'rā-ĕl in their generations.

43 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:

44 But every man's servant that is

The firstborn of Israel to be sanctified

bought for money, when thou hast cir- there be leaven seen with thee in all thy cumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. 45 A foreigner and a hired servant shall

not eat thereof.

46 In one house shall it be eaten: thou shalt not carry forth aught of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

47 All the congregation of Is'ra-el shall

keep it.

48 And when a stranger shall sojourn hand hath the LORD brought thee out of with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that

sojourneth among you.

50 Thus did all the children of Is'rā-ĕl: as the LORD commanded Moses and

Aaron, so did they.

51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Is'rā-ĕl out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

CHAPTER 13

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, both of man and

of beast: it is mine.

3 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

4 This day came ye out in the month A'bĭb.

5 ¶ And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canăan-îtes, and the Hit'tites, and the Am'o-rites, and the Hi'vites, and the Jěb'ū-sītes, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month.

6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be

a feast to the LORD.

seven days; and there shall no leavened went up harnessed out of the land of bread be seen with thee, neither shall Egypt.

quarters. 8 C And thou shalt show thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong

Egypt.

10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year. 11 C And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canăan-ites, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,

12 That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the male shall be the

LORD'S.

13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.

14 And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of

bondage:

15 And it came to pass, when Phā'raöh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.

16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the Lord

brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Phi-lis'tines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

18 But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten Red sea: and the children of Iş'rā-ĕl

with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20 ¶ And they took their journey from Suc'coth, and encamped in E'tham, in

the edge of the wilderness.

21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by

night, from before the people.

CHAPTER 14

AND the LORD spake unto Moses. saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el. that they turn and encamp before Pi'hà-hi'roth, between Mig'dol and the sea, over against Bā'āl-zē'phon: before

it shall ye encamp by the sea. of Iş'rā-ĕl, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

4 And I will harden Phā'raōh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honored upon Phā'raōh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they

5 ¶ And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Phā'raōh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Is-

rā-ĕl go from serving us? 6 And he made ready his chariot, and

took his people with him:

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. 8 And the LORD hardened the heart of

Phā'raōh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Iş'rā-ĕl: and the children of Is'rā-ĕl went out with a high

9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pha! raoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pī'-ha-hī'roth, before Bā' ăl-zē'phon.

nigh, the children of Iş'rā-ĕl lifted up and the waters were divided.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Iş'rā-ĕl cried. out unto the LORD.

11 And they said unto Moses. Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us,

to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to-day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye

shall hold your peace.

15 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak 3 For Phā'raōh will say of the children unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, that they go forward:

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Iş'ra-ĕl shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honor upon Phā'raōh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horse-

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honor upon Phā'raōh, upon his chariots,

and upon his horsemen.

19 Q And the Angel of God, which went before the camp of Iş'rā-ĕl, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Is'ra-el: and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all 10 And when Pha'raoh drew that night, and made the sea dry land,

22 And the children of Is'ra-ĕl went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 ¶ And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Phā'raōh's horses, his

chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Is'ra-el; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 I And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea. that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and

upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the the mighty waters. midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pha'raoh that came into the sea after them: there remained

not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Iş'rā-ĕl walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Iş'rā-ĕl that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Is'rā-ĕl saw the Egyptians dead

upon the seashore.

31 And Ĭş'rā-ĕl saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD. and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

CHAPTER 15

HEN sang Moses and the children of L Is'rā-ĕl this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation; he is my

God, and I will prepare him a habitation. my father's God, and I will exalt him 3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD

is his name.

4 Phā'raöh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea; his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

5 The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone.

6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O

LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy, 7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth

thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake. I will divide the spoil: my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in

11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD. among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand.

the earth swallowed them.

13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

14 The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants

of Păl'ĕs-tī'nā.

15 Then the dukes of E'dom shall be amazed: the mighty men of Mô'ăh. trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Ca'naan shall melt away.

16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over,

which thou hast purchased.

17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; in the sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.

18 The LORD shall reign for ever and

with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Is'ra-el went on dry land in kill this whole assembly with hunger. the midst of the sea.

20 ¶ And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her her with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath

he thrown into the sea.

22 So Moses brought Is'rā-ĕl from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

23 ¶ And when they came to Mā'rah, they could not drink of the waters of Mā'rah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Ma'rah.

24 And the people murmured against against us? Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD showed him a tree, which when he proved them,

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon unto the whole congregation of the chilthee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

27 And they came to E'lim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAPTER 16

AND they took their journey from E'lim, and all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ēl came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between E'lim and Si'nai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 And the children of Is'ra-el said unto them. Would to God we had died by the 19 For the horse of Pha'raoh went in hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and hand; and all the women went out after gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk

in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in: and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought

you out from the land of Egypt: 7 And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur

8 And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to had cast into the waters, the waters were the full; for that the LORD heareth your made sweet: there he made for them a murmurings which ye murmur against statute and an ordinance, and there he him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

9 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake dren of Îş'rā-ĕl, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 C And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Is'rā-ĕl: speak unto them. saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ve shall know that I am the LORD your God.

13 And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round

about the host.

14 And when the dew that lay was gone 2 And the whole congregation of the up, behold, upon the face of the wilder-children of Is'rā-ĕl murmured against ness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.

bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

16 This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for it was like wafers made with honey. them which are in his tents.

17 And the children of Is'ra-el did so. and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.
19 And Moses said, Let no man leave

of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning. every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 ¶ And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To-morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ve will seethe; and to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink. neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to-day; for to-day is a sabbath unto the LORD: today ye shall not find it in the field.

26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27 I And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ve to keep my commandments and my laws?

15 And when the children of Is'ra-el you the sabbath, therefore he giveth saw it, they said one to another. It is you on the sixth day the bread of two manna: for they wist not what it was. days: abide ye every man in his place, And Moses said unto them, This is the let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 So the people rested on the seventh

day.

31 And the house of Iş'rā-ĕl called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of

32 I And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony,

to be kept.

35 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited: they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Cā'năan.

36 Now an omer is the tenth bart of an

ē'phāh.

CHAPTER 17

ND all the congregation of the chil-A dren of Iş'rā-el journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Reph'i-dim: and that which remaineth over lay up for you there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye

tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD. saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee 29 See, for that the LORD hath given of the elders of Is'ra-el; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take

in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Ho'reb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the sword of Pha'raoh; the elders of Is'rā-ĕl.

7 And he called the name of the place Măs'sah, and Měr'i-bah, because of the chiding of the children of Is'rā-ĕl. and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 I Then came Am'a-lek, and fought thy wife, and her two sons with her.

with Is'rā-ĕl in Rĕph'ī-dim.

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Am'athe hill with the rod of God in mine tent. hand.

10 So Toshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Am'a-lek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hûr went up to the

top of the hill.

II And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Iş'rā-ĕl prevailed: and when he let down his hand. Am'a-

lěk prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hûr staved up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Am'a-lek and his people with the edge of the

14 And the LORD said unto Moses Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Am'a-lek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called

the name of it Jehovah-nis'si:

16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Am'à-lek from generation to generation.

CHAPTER 18

THEN Jethro, the priest of Midĭ-ăn, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Is'ra-el his people, and that the LORD had brought Is'rā-ĕl out of Egypt:

2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zip-po'rah, Moses' wife, after he

had sent her back,

3 And her two sons: of which the name of the one was Ger'shom: for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land:

4 And the name of the other was El'i-ezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from

5 And Tethro, Moses' father-in-law. came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness, where he

encamped at the mount of God: 6 And he said unto Moses, I thy fatherin-law Tethro am come unto thee, and

7 I And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other lek: to-morrow I will stand on the top of of their welfare; and they came into the

> 8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done unto Phā'raōh and to the Egyptians for Is'ra-el's sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.

> 9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Isrā-ĕl, whom he had delivered out of the

hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pha'raoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

II Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.

12 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law. took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Iş'rā-ĕl, to ear bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the

morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? Why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moses said unto his father-inlaw. Because the people come unto me

to inquire of God:

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and

statutes of God, and his laws.
17 And Moses' father-in-law said unto

good.

18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both

thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and

the work that they must do.

21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, LORD commanded him. rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall

also go to their place in peace.

said.

25 And Moses chose able men out of all Iş'rā-ĕl, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they

judged themselves.

27 And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

CHAPTER 19

IN the third month, when the children of Is'ra-el were constituted of Is'ra-ĕl were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Si'nai.

2 For they were departed from Reph'idim. and were come to the desert of clothes. Si'nai, and had pitched in the wilder-

another, and I do make them know the ness; and there Iş'rā-ĕl camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and him, The thing that thou doest is not the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Tacob, and tell the children of Iş'rā-ĕl;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ve shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto

the children of Is'rā-ĕl.

7 ¶ And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the

8 And all the people answered together, 22 And let them judge the people at and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo. I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 I And the LORD said unto Moses. 24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of Go unto the people, and sanctify them his father-in-law, and did all that he had to-day and to-morrow, and let them

wash their clothes,

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sī'naī.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely

put to death: 13 There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the

mount. 14 ¶ And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their

15 And he said unto the people. Be

ready against the third day; come not at in the earth beneath, or that is in the

uour wives.

16 Q And it came to pass on the third thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the

mount.

a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and

him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Si'nai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount: and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and

many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD. The people cannot come up to mount Sī'naī: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and

sanctify it.

24 And the LORD said unto him. Away. get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break any thing that is thy neighbor's. forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the

people, and spake unto them.

CHAPTER 20

AND God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any Moses drew near unto the thick darkthing that is in heaven above, or that is ness where God was.

water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to day in the morning, that there were them, nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me:

6 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my

commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will 18 And mount Si'nai was altogether on not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all

thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath louder, Moses spake, and God answered of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sab-

bath day, and hallowed it.

12 ¶ Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness

against thy neighbor.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor

18 I And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people. Fear not: for God is come to prove you, 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you

gods of gold.

24 ¶ An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it,

thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

CHAPTER 21

NOW these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in by himself, he shall go

his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master have given him a wife. and she have borne him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

5 And if the servant shall plainly say. I love my master, my wife, and my chil-

dren; I will not go out free;

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the doorpost; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.

7 ¶ And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out

as the menservants do.

8 If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the

manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another wife, her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish.

her, then shall she go out free without money.

12 If He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbor, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 T And he that smiteth his father, or

his mother, shall be surely put to death. 16 C And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand,

he shall surely be put to death.

17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 ¶ And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keepeth his

bed:

19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20 ¶ And if a man smite his servant, out by himself: if he were married, then or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished.

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for

he is his money.

22 ¶ If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

23 And if any mischief follow, then

thou shalt give life for life,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. 26 And if a man smite the eve of his

servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eve's sake.

27 And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth: he shall let him go free for his tooth's

sake.

28 Tf an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten: 11 And if he do not these three unto but the owner of the ox shall be quit.

29 But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him.

31 Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 ¶ And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beast shall be his.

35 ¶ And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead ox also they shall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

CHAPTER 22

IF a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall

no blood be shed for him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution: if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or

sheep; he shall restore double.

5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 ¶ If a man shall deliver unto his neighbor money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbor's goods.

9 For all manner of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which another challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbor.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven

away, no man seeing it:

.11 Then shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good.

12 And if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.
13 If it be torn in pieces, then let him bring it for witness, and he shall not

make good that which was torn.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow aught of his neighbor, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof being not with it, he shall surely make it good.

15 But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be a hired

thing, it came for his hire.

16 ¶ And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife. 17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

19 ¶ Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 ¶ He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21 ¶ Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ Ye shall not afflict any widow, or

fatherless child.

23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me. I will surely hear

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their cry:

will kill you with the sword; and your land of Egypt. wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt thou lay upon him usury.

26 If thou at all take thy neighbor's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down:

27 For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I son of thy handmaid, and the stranger. am gracious.

28 Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 (Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day

thou shalt give it me.

31 ¶ And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast before me empty:) it to the dogs.

CHAPTER 23

THOU shalt not raise a false report:

put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:

3 M Neither shalt thou countenance a

poor man in his cause. 4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or

his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

5 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.

6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of

thy poor in his cause.

7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

8 ¶ And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

9 I Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a

24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the

10 And six years thou shalt sow the land, and shalt gather in the fruits

thereof:

11 But the seventh year thou shalt let not be to him as a usurer, neither shalt it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard. and with thy oliveyard.

12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the

may be refreshed.

13 And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 Three times thou shalt keep a

feast unto me in the year.

15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month A'bib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear

16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labors, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy

labors out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord God.

18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a

kid in his mother's milk.

20 T Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice. provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in

him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

23 For mine Angel shall go before thee,

and bring thee in unto the Am'o-rites. and the Hit'tites, and the Per'iz-zites, and the Ca'naan-ites, the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'ū-sītes; and I will cut them off.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their

images.

25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the

number of thy days I will fulfil.

27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come; and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

28 And I will send hornets before thee. which shall drive out the Hi'vite, the Ca'naan-ite, and the Hit'tite, from be-

fore thee.

29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be in-

creased, and inherit the land.

31 And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philis'tines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

32 Thou shalt make no covenant with

them, nor with their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

CHAPTER 24

AND he said unto Moses, Come up A unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nā'dāb, and A-bī'hū, and seventy of the elders of Is'rā-el; and worship ye to do, let him come unto them. afar off.

2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with

him.

3 I And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and the cloud. all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All LORD was like devouring fire on the top

the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Is'ra-el.

5 And he sent young men of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings

of oxen unto the LORD.

6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the

blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nā'dab, and A-bi'hū, and seventy of the

elders of Is'ra-ĕl;

10 And they saw the God of Iş'rā-ĕl: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Is'rā-ĕl he laid not his hand: also they

saw God, and did eat and drink.

12 I And the LORD said unto Moses. Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua; and Moses went up into the

mount of God.

14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hûr are with you: if any man have any matters

15 And Moses went up into the mount.

and a cloud covered the mount. 16 And the glory of the LORD abode

upon mount Si'nai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of

17 And the sight of the glory of the

of the mount in the eyes of the children

of İş'rā-ĕl.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

CHAPTER 25

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, 4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet,

and fine linen, and goats' hair,

5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing

oil, and for sweet incense, 7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in

the eph'od, and in the breastplate. 8 And let them make me a sanctuary;

that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show thee,

the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

10 ¶ And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and

a half the height thereof. 11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure

sold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of

gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. 16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

17 And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou shalt make two cherubim of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubim on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubim shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cher-

ubim be.

21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give

thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Ĭş'rā-ĕl.

23 Thou shalt also make a table of after the pattern of the tabernacle, and shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the

height thereof. 24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold

round about.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of a handbreadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof. 27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.

29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set upon the table

showbread before me always.

31 II And thou shalt make a candlebe the length thereof, and a cubit and a stick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it: three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of

the other side:

33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that make. come out of the candlestick.

howls made like unto almonds, with

their knops and their flowers.

35 And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

one beaten work of pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure

gold.

39 Of a talent of pure gold shall he

make it, with all these vessels.

40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount.

CHAPTER 26

OREOVER thou shalt make the VI tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubim of cunning work shalt thou make them.

2 The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second: that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one

tabernacle.

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And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou

8 The length of one curtain shall be 34 And in the candlestick shall be four thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains

shall be all of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is out-36 Their knops and their branches most in the coupling, and fifty loops in shall be of the same: all of it shall be the edge of the curtain which coupleth

the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the back

side of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it.

14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dved red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

15 @ And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing

16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.

17 Two tenons shall there he in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the

south side southward.

19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two 5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the sockets under one board for his two

board for his two tenons.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards,

21 And their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under one board, and two

sockets under another board.

22 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards.

23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two

sides.

24 And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

25 And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two

sockets under another board.

26 C And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the

one side of the tabernacle, 27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward.

28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. 29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt

overlay the bars with gold. 30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof

which was showed thee in the mount. 31 I And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubim shall it be made.

32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon

the four sockets of silver.

33 ¶ And thou shalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mavest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.

34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the

most holy blace.

35 And thou shalt set the table without the table on the side of the tabernacle silver.

tenons, and two sockets under another toward the south: and thou shalt put the

table on the north side.

36 And thou shalt make a hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple. and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.

37 And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks

shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

CHAPTER 27

ND thou shalt make an altar of A shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits.

2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt

overlay it with brass.

3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basins, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans; all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brazen rings in the four

corners thereof.

5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar.

6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and over-

lay them with brass.

7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was showed thee in the mount.

so shall they make it.

9 ¶ And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of a hundred cubits long for one side:

10 And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets

shall be of silver.
11 And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of a hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the the veil, and the candlestick over against hooks of the pillars and their fillets of

12 I And for the breadth of the court that he may minister unto me in the on the west side shall be hangings of priest's office. fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. 14 The hangings of one side of the gate

shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three.

and their sockets three.

16 4 And for the gate of the court shall be a hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework; and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of

18 C The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of hrass.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court,

shall be of brass.

20 ¶ And thou shalt command the children of Is'ra-el, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 28

ND take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nā'dāb and El'ē-ā'zar and Ith'a-mar. A-bī'hū. Aaron's sons.

2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for

wise-hearted, whom I have filled with and a span shall be the breadth thereof. the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, stones, even four rows of stones: the

4 And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an eph'od, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And they shall make the eph'od of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof: and so it shall be joined together.

8 And the curious girdle of the eph'od, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 And thou shalt take two onvx stones. and grave on them the names of the

children of Iş'rā-ĕl:

10 Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Is'ra-el: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches

of gold.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the eph'od for stones of memorial unto the children of Îş'rā-ĕl: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 ¶ And thou shalt make ouches of gold:

14 And two chains of pure gold at the ends; of wreathed work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathed chains to the ouches.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the eph'od thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

16 Foursquare it shall be being dou-3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are bled; a span shall be the length thereof,

17 And thou shalt set in it settings of

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first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row.

18 And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a ligure, an agate,

and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in

gold in their inclosings.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Is'rā-ĕl. twelve. according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.

22 T And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains at the ends of

wreathed work of pure gold.

23 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathed chains of gold in the two rings which are

on the ends of the breastplate.

25 And the other two ends of the two wreathed chains thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the eph'od before it.

26 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate in the border thereof, which is in the side of the

ěph'ŏd inward.

27 And two other rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the eph'od underneath, toward the forepart thereof, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the eph'od.

28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ĕph'ŏd with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not

loosed from the eph'od.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Is'ra-el in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 I And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the U'rim and the Thum'mim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Is'rā-ĕl upon minister in the holy place; that they his heart before the LORD continually. bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a

The breastblate. The priests' garments

31 Cl And thou shalt make the robe of

the eph'od all of blue.

32 And there shall be a hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an haber-

geon, that it be not rent.

33 ¶ And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about:

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

36 ¶ And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO

THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Īş'rā-ĕl shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 ¶ And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt

make the girdle of needlework.

40 ¶ And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall

43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to The consecration of Aaron and his sons statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.

CHAPTER 20

ND this is the thing that thou shalt A do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish.

2 And unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them take of his blood, and put it upon the with water.

5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the eph'od, and the eph'od, and the breastplate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the eph'od:

6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre.

7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.

9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them; and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, bu the door of the taber-

nacle of the congregation.

12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul that is above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar.

14 But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with

15 Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle

it round about upon the altar.

17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put them unto his pieces, and unto his head.

18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt offering unto the Lord: it is a sweet savor, an offer-

ing made by fire unto the LORD. 19 ¶ And thou shalt take the other

ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. 20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons garments with him.

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoul-

der; for it is a ram of consecration: 23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD:

24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons: and shalt wave them for a wave offering

before the LORD.

25 And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor before the LORD: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part.

27 And thou shalt sanctify the breast fire without the camp; it is a sin offering, of the wave offering, and the shoulder of

the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons:

28 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Is'ra-el; for it is a heave offering; and it shall be a heave offering from the children of Iş'rā-ĕl of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, even their heave offering unto the LORD.

29 ¶ And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated

in them.

30 And that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days. when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy blace.

31 ¶ And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in

the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle

of the congregation.

33 And they shall eat those things. wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy.

34 And if aught of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten.

because it is holy.

35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all things which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

36 And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.

37 Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it: and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

38 W Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually.

39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt

offer at even:

40 And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of upon it.

a hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering.

41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof. for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

42 This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD, where I will meet

you, to speak there unto thee.

43 And there I will meet with the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and the tabernacle shall

be sanctified by my glory.

44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

45 ¶ And I will dwell among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 30

AND thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it.

2 A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same.

3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a

crown of gold round about.

4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.

5 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with

gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense

8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps come near to the altar to minister, to at even, he shall burn incense upon it, burn offering made by fire unto the a perpetual incense before the LORD LORD: throughout your generations.

thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat

offering thereon.

10 And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements; once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying.

12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest holy anointing oil. them.

passeth among them that are numbered. half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gë'rahs:) a half shekel shall be the offering of the

LORD.

14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD.

15 The rich shall not give more, and the the LORD, to make an atonement for office.

your souls.

shalt appoint it for the service of the your generations. tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Îş'rā-ĕl before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

17 I And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saving

18 Thou shalt also make a laver of stranger, shall even be cut off from his brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:

20 When they go into the tabernacle of

21 So they shall wash their hands and 9 Ye shall offer no strange incense their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to offering; neither shall ye pour drink him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 ¶ Moreover the LORD spake unto

Moses, saying,

23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels,

24 And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of

oil olive a hin:

25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be a

26 And thou shalt anoint the taber-13 This they shall give, every one that nacle of the congregation therewith, and

the ark of the testimony,

27 And the table and all his vessels. and the candlestick and his vessels, and

the altar of incense, 28 And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot. 29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.

30 And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his poor shall not give less, than half a sons, and consecrate them, that they shekel, when they give an offering unto may minister unto me in the priest's

31 And thou shalt speak unto the chil-16 And thou shalt take the atonement dren of Iş'rā-el, saying, This shall be a money of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and holy anointing oil unto me throughout

> 32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be youred, neither shall ye make any other uke it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.

> 33 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a

people.

34 I And the Lord said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight:

35 And thou shalt make it a perfume. the congregation, they shall wash with a confection after the art of the apothewater, that they die not; or when they cary, tempered together, pure and holy:

36 And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

37 And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the

LORD

38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

CHAPTER 31

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saving.

2 See, I have called by name Bezăl'ē-ĕl the son of U'rī, the son of Hûr,

of the tribe of Tudah:

3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 To devise cunning works, to work in

gold, and in silver, and in brass,

5 And in cutting of stones, to set them and in carving of timber, to work in all the finger of God.

manner of workmanship. 6 And I, behold, I have given with him A-hō'li-ab, the son of A-his'a-mach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee:

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the

furniture of the tabernacle.

the pure candlestick with all his furni-

ture, and the altar of incense.

9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

10 And the clothes of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall

they do.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

13 Speak thou also unto the children

and you throughout your generations: that ye may know that I am the LORD

that doth sanctify you.

14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore. for it is holy unto you. Every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein. that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

15 Six days may work be done: but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be

put to death.

16 Wherefore the children of Is'rā-ĕi shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations.

for a perpetual covenant.

17 It is a sign between me and the children of Is'ra-ël for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 ¶ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sī'naī, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with

CHAPTER 32

AND when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off 8 And the table and his furniture, and the golden earrings, which are in the lie pure candlestick with all his furni- ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears.

and brought them unto Aaron.

4 And he received them at their hand. and fashioned it with a graving tool. after he had made it a molten calf: and they said. These be thy gods, O Is'rā-ĕl, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To-morrow is a feast

to the LORD.

6 And they rose up early on the morof Iş'rā-el, saying, Verily my sabbaths row, and offered burnt offerings, and ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 T And the LORD said unto Moses Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods,

O Is'rā-ĕl, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will

make of thee a great nation.

11 And Moses besought the LORD his God. and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil

against thy people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Is'rā-ĕl, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 ¶ And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides: on the one side and on the other were they written.

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of

God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said. It is not the voice of

overcome; but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

19 ¶ And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of

s'rā-ĕl drink of it.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what

is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 ¶ And when Moses saw that the people were naked, (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among

their enemies,)

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thou-

sand men.

29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to-day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I them that shout for mastery, neither is will go up unto the LORD; peradventure it the voice of them that cry for being I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of

gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin-; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him

will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron

made.

CHAPTER 33

▲ND the LORD said unto Moses. Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saving, Unto thy seed will I give it:

2 And I will send an Angel before thee: and I will drive out the Ca'naan-ite, the Am'ō-rīte, and the Hit'tīte, and the Periz-zīte, the Hī'vīte, and the Jeb'ū-sīte: 3 Unto a land flowing with milk and

honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.

4 ¶ And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man

did put on him his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said unto Moses. Say unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 And the children of Is'ra-el stripped themselves of their ornaments by the

mount Ho'reb.

7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.

8 And it came to pass, when Moses

went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses. until he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked

with Moses.

10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door; and all the people rose up and worshipped.

every man in his tent door.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp; but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 C And Moses said unto the LORD. See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name. and thou hast also found grace in my

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. 15 And he said unto him, If thy pres-

ence go not with me, carry us not up

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated. I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my

sight, and I know thee by name. 18 And he said, I beseech thee, show

me thy glory.

19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom will show mercy.

20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and

21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is

a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock:

22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in thee. a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts; but my

face shall not be seen.

CHAPTER 34

ND the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first break their images, and cut down their tables, which thou brakest.

2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Si'nai, and present thyself there to me in

the top of the mount.

3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor

herds feed before that mount.

4 I And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Si'nai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

6 And the LORD passed by before him. and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the chilthe fourth generation.

8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and wor-

shipped.

9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 ¶ And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in thee, and enlarge thy borders; neither

all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with

11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Am'o-rite, and the Ca'naan-ite,

and the Hit'tite, and the Per'iz-zite, and the Hi'vite, and the Jeb'ū-site.

12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

13 But ye shall destroy their altars,

groves:

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous,

is a jealous God.

15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice:

16 And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

17 Thou shalt make thee no molten

gods.

18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month A'bib: for in the month A'bib thou camest out from Egypt.

19 All that openeth the matrix is mine: and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male.

20 But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt dren's children, unto the third and to redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

> 21 C Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

> 22 M And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

> 23 Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord

God, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl.

24 For I will cast out the nations before all the earth, nor in any nation: and shall any man desire thy land, when

thou shalt go up to appear before the holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: LORD thy God thrice in the year.

25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be your habitations upon the sabbath day. left unto the morning.

26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the

kid in his mother's milk.

27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Iş'rā-ĕl.

28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights: he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

29 ¶ And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Si'nai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Iş'rā-ĕl saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid

to come nigh him.

31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Is'rā-ĕl came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Si'nai.

33 And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

34 But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Ĭş'rā-ĕl that which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Is'ra-el saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak

with him.

CHAPTER 35

AND Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ēl together, and said unto them, These are the words which the LORD hath commanded, that ye should do them.

whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

3 Ye shall kindle no fire throughout

4 Cl And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Is'ra-el. saving. This is the thing which the LORD LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a commanded, saying,

5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass.

6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

7 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

8 And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,

9 And onyx stones, and stones to be set for the eph'od, and for the breastplate. 10 And every wise-hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD

hath commanded:

11 The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets:

12 The ark, and the staves thereof. with the mercy seat, and the veil of the covering:

13 The table, and his staves, and all his

vessels, and the showbread;

14 The candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light:

15 And the incense altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle;

16 The altar of burnt offering, with his brazen grate, his staves, and all his ves-

sels, the laver and his foot: 17 The hangings of the court, his pil-

lars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court:

18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords;

19 The clothes of service, to do service in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl departed from the

presence of Moses.

21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one 2 Six days shall work be done, but on whom his spirit made willing, and they the seventh day there shall be to you a brought the LORD's offering to the work Of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy

garments.

22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willinghearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the Lord.

23 And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought

them.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD's offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the

service, brought it.

25 And all the women that were wisehearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats'

and stones to be set, for the eph'od, and for the breastplate;

28 And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet

incense.

29 The children of Iş'rā-ĕl brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every they caused it to be proclaimed throughman and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

30 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Is rā-ĕl, See, the LORD hath called by name Bē-zăl'ē-ĕl the son of Ü'rī, the son

of Hûr, of the tribe of Judah;

31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

 32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make all of one size. any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and A-ho'li-ab, the he coupled one unto another. son of A-his'a-mach, of the tribe of Dan.

engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning

CHAPTER 36

HEN wrought Be-zăl'e-ĕl and A-hō! L li-ăb, and every wise-hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

2 And Moses called Be-zăl'e-či and A-hō'lī-ăb, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

3 And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Is'rā-ĕl had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they

27 And the rulers brought onvx stones. made:

> 5 ¶ And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.

> 6 And Moses gave commandment, and out the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

> 7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

> 8 ¶ And every wise-hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubim of cunning work made he them.

9 The length of one curtain was twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains were

10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another; and the other five curtains

11 And he made loops of blue on the 35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of edge of one curtain from the selvedge in heart, to work all manner of work, of the the coupling: likewise he made in the

The curtains, boards, veil, and ark mi

uttermost side of another curtain, in the ners of the tabernacle in the two sideseth coupling of the second.

12 Fifty loops made he in one curtain. and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second: the loops held one curtain to another.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold. and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle.

14 C And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

15 The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains were of one size.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by them-

selves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

18 And he made fifty taches of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be

19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dved red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that.

20 T And he made boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood, standing up.

21 The length of a board was ten cubits and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another; thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side

southward:

24 And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner,

he made twenty boards.

26 And their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

westward he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the cor- pure gold: two cubits and a half was the

29 And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to

one ring; thus he did to both of them in

both the corners.

30 And there were eight boards: and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets. 31 I And he made bars of shittim

wood: five for the boards of the one side

of the tabernacle.

32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one

end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 I And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim made he it of cun-

ning work.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

37 I And he made a hanging for the tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needle-

work:

38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets were of brass.

CHAPTER 37

ND Bē-zăl'ē-ĕl made the ark of A shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:

2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown

of gold to it round about.

3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.

4 And he made staves of shittim wood,

and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the staves into the rings 27 And for the sides of the tabernaele by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. 6 I And he made the mercy seat of length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

7 And he made two cherubim of gold. beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat:

8 One cherub on the end on this side. and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubim on the two ends thereof.

9 And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another: even to the mercy seat-ward were the faces of the cherubim.

10 Cl And he made the table of shittim wood: two cubits was the length thereof. and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof:

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold and made thereunto a crown of gold

round about.

12 Also he made thereunto a border of a handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold. and put the rings upon the four corners

that were in the four feet thereof. 14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear

the table. 15 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to

bear the table. 16 And he made the vessels which were upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to

cover withal, of pure gold.

17 I And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers. were of the same:

18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick

out of the other side thereof:

19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.

20 And in the candlestick were four

and his flowers:

21 And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the same; all of it was one beaten

work of pure gold.

23 And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold.

24 Of a talent of pure gold made he it,

and all the vessels thereof.

25 I And he made the incense altar of shittim wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit: it was foursquare; and two cubits was the

height of it: the horns thereof were of the same.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.

28 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29 I And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAPTER 38

ND he made the altar of burnt offer-A ing of shittim wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it was foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof.

2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it

with brass.

3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the fleshhooks, and the firepans; all the vessels thereof made he of brass.

4 And he made for the altar a brazen grate of network, under the compass thereof, beneath unto the midst of it. 5 And he cast four rings for the four

ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves.

6 And he made the staves of shittim bowls made like almonds, his knops, wood, and overlaid them with brass. 7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it the Le'vites, by the hand of Ith'a-mar. withal: he made the altar hollow with

8 I And he made the laver of brass. and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

9 ¶ And he made the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, a

hundred cubits:

10 Their pillars were twenty, and their brazen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver.

11 And for the north side the hangings were a hundred cubits, their pillars were twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

12 And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and

their fillets of silver.

13 And for the east side eastward fifty

cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 15 And for the other side of the court

gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen.

17 And the sockets for the pillars were of brass: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver; and the overlaying of their chapiters of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with

silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits. answerable to the hangings of the court.

19 And their pillars were four, and their sockets of brass four; their hooks of silver, and the overlaving of their chapiters and their fillets of silver.

20 And all the pins of the tabernacle. and of the court round about, were of

21 This is the sum of the tabernacle. even of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of

son to Aaron the priest.

22 And Bē-zăl'ē-ĕl the son of U'rī, the son of Hûr, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

23 And with him was A-ho'li-ab, son of A-his'a-mach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the work of the holy blace, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel

of the sanctuary.

25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanc-

tuary: 26 A be'käh for every man, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and

fifty men.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary. and the sockets of the veil; a hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapi-

ters, and filleted them.

29 And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brazen altar, and the brazen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar,

31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate. and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAPTER 39

ND of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made clothes of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses. 2 And he made the eph'od of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, with cunning work.

4 They made shoulderpieces for it, to couple it together: by the two edges was

it coupled together.

5 And the curious girdle of his ephod. that was upon it, was of the same, according to the work thereof; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

6 C And they wrought onvx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the

children of Iş'rā-ĕl.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the eph'od, that they should be stones for a memorial to the children of Isrā-ĕl; as the LORD commanded Moses.

8

¶ And he made the breastplate of cunning work, like the work of the ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and scar-

let, and fine twined linen.

9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being doubled.

10 And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this was the

first row.

11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. 13 And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx,

and a jasper: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Is'ra-el, twelve according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve Moses. tribes.

15 And they made upon the breast-

work of pure gold.

16 And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings, and put the two rings in the two ends of the breastplate.

17 And they put the two wreathed chains of gold in the two rings on the

ends of the breastplate.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathed chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the eph'od, before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, upon the border of it, which was on the side of the eph'od inward.

20 And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the eph'od underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the other coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of

the eph'od.

21 And they did bind the breastplate by his rings unto the rings of the eph'od with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the eph'od, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the eph'od; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 C And he made the robe of the eph'od of woven work, all of blue.

23 And there was a hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole of an habergeon, with a band round about the hole, that it should not rend.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen.

25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe. round about between the pomegranates;

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in: as the LORD commanded Moses.

27 ¶ And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his

sons, 28 And a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches

of fine twined linen. 29 And a girdle of fine twined linen. and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of

needlework; as the LORD commanded 30 ¶ And they made the plate of the

holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon plate chains at the ends, of wreathed it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue. to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as

the LORD commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Iş'rā-ĕI **EXODUS 39, 40**

manded Moses, so did they.

33 C And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets:

34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins.

and the veil of the covering:

35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat:

36 The table, and all the vessels there-

of, and the showbread:

37 The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light:

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door;

39 The brazen altar, and his grate of his foot, and sanctify it. brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the

laver and his foot:

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation:

41 The clothes of service to do service in the holy blace, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the

priest's office.

42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of

Is'rā-ĕl made all the work.

43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had he. they done it: and Moses blessed them.

CHAPTER 40

ND the LORD spake unto Moses,

A saving.

2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of

the veil.

4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps the ark, and put the mercy seat above thereof.

5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold

did according to all that the LORD com- testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.

6 And thou shalt set the altar of the hurnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein.

8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the

court gate.

9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil. and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof; and it shall be holv.

10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar

most holy.

11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and

12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him. and sanctify him; that he may minister unto

me in the priest's office. 14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and

clothe them with coats:

15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did

17 I And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

19 And he spread abroad the tent over the testimony, and cover the ark with the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses.

20 I And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on upon the ark:

21 And he brought the ark into the for the incense before the ark of the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the The cloud by day and the fire by night

covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had

commanded Moses.

24 C And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD: as the LORD commanded Moses.

26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the veil: 27 And he burnt sweet incense thereon: as the LORD commanded Moses.

28 I And he set up the hanging at the

door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 C And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal.

31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their, feet

thereat: 32 When they went into the tent of the

congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD commanded Moses.

33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So

Moses finished the work.

34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the

LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Is'rā-ĕl went onward in all their iournevs:

37 But if the cloud were not taken up. then they journeyed not till the day that

it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, throughout all their journeys.

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

LEVITICUS

CHAPTER 1

AND the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ěl. and say unto them. If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall the herd, and of the flock.

3 If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

4 And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement

5 And he shall kill the bullock before

the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And he shall flay the burnt offering,

and cut it into his pieces.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire:

8 And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire

which is upon the altar:

9 But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, to be a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

10 I And if his offering be of the flocks.

The burnt offerings. The meat offering

namely, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish.

11 And he shall kill it on the side of the alter northward before the LORD; and the priests. Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle

his blood round about upon the altar. 12 And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is upon

the altar:

13 But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring it all, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD

14 T And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD be of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves, or

of young pigeons.

15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and wring off his head, and burn it on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar:

16 And he shall pluck away his crop with his feathers, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the

ashes.

17 And he shall cleave it with the wings thereof, but shall not divide it asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

ND when any will offer a meat offer-A ing unto the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense

thereon.

2 And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD:

3 And the remnant of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the

LORD made by fire.

4 T And if thou bring an oblation of a

be unleavened cakes of fine flour min. gled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

5 C And if thy oblation be a meat offering baked in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil

6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and nour oil thereon: it is a meat offering.

7 C And if thy oblation be a meat offering baked in the frying pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 And thou shalt bring the meat offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented

unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn it upon the altar: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

10 And that which is left of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of

the LORD made by fire.

11 No meat offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall be made with leaven; for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

12 C As for the oblation of the firstfruits, ye shall offer them unto the LORD: but they shall not be burnt on the altar

for a sweet savor.

13 And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy firstfruits green ears of corn dried by the

fire, even corn beaten out of full ears. 15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it is a meat

offering

16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, part of the beaten corn thereof, and bart of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 3

AND if his oblation be a sacrifice of **(1)** peace offering, if he offer it of the meat offering baked in the oven, it shall herd, whether it be a male or female, he

LORD.

2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.

3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon

the inwards

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kid-

neys, it shall he take away.

5 And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

6 4 And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering unto the LORD be of the flock, male or female, he shall offer it

without blemish.

7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the

LORD.

8 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat thereof, and the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards.

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the

kidneys, it shall he take away. 11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made

by fire unto the LORD.

12 ¶ And if his offering be a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD.

head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about.

14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, even an offering made by fire unto kidneys, it shall he take away the LORD; the fat that covereth the in-

shall offer it without blemish before the wards, and all the fat that is upon the

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savor: all the

fat is the LORD's.

17 It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

CHAPTER 4

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, A saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saving. If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do

against any of them:

3 If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.

4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

5 And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:

6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the

veil of the sanctuary.

7 And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation: and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And he shall take off from it all the 13 And he shall lay his hand upon the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the

fat that is upon the inwards.

9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the

10 As it was taken off from the bullock

of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering.

11 And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung.

12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the carny unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

13 ¶ And if the whole congregation of Is 7a-81 sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty;

14 When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of

the bullock before the LORD; and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD. 16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation:

17 And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, even before the

veil.

18 And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 19 And he shall take all his fat from

him, and burn it upon the altar.

20 And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and

it shall be forgiven them.

21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin offer-

ing for the congregation.

22 ¶ When a ruler hath sinned, and done somewhat through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD his God concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty;

23 Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:

24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before

the LORD: it is a sin offering.

25 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it spon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering.

26 And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin,

and it shall be forgiven him.

27 ¶ And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

28 Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin

which he hath sinned.

29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.

30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof

at the bottom of the altar.

31 And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor unto the Lord; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be foreiven him.

32 And if he bring a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without

blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering.

34 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar: The trespass offerings

thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

CHAPTER 5

ND if a soul sin, and hear the voice of whether swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not

utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.
2 Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be a carcass of an unclean beast, or a carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.

3 Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it,

then he shall be guilty.

4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; guilty in one of these.

5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing:

6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb, or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 And if he be not able to bring a lamb. then he shall bring for his trespass, which he hath committed, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering.

8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin offering first, and wring off his head from his neck, but shall not divide

it asunder:

the sin offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar: it is a sin offering.

10 And he shall offer the second for a

35 And he shall take away all the fat burnt offering, according to the manner: and the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he hath sinned. and it shall be forgiven him.

11 T But if he be not able to bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an e'phah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon: for it is a sin offering.

12 Then shall he bring it to the priest. and the priest shall take his handful of it, even a memorial thereof, and burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: it is a sin

offering.

13 And the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him: and the remnant shall be the priest's, as a meat offering.

14 C And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saying,

15 If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy esti-mation by shekels of silver, after the when he knoweth of it, then he shall be shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering:

16 And he shall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest; and the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

17 ¶ And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.

18 And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist it not, and it shall be forgiven him.

19 It is a trespass offering: he hath cer-9 And he shall sprinkle of the blood of tainly trespassed against the LORD.

CHAPTER 6

AND the LORD spake unto Moses. saving.

against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbor in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbor:

3 Or have found that which was lost. and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man

doeth, sinning therein:

4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found.

5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his

trespass offering.

6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest:

7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

8 I And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saying.

9 Command Aaron and his sons, saving. This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.

10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

11 And he shall put off his garments. and put on other garments, and carry

forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place.

12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in fore the LORD: it is most holy. order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings.

the altar; it shall never go out.

14 ¶ And this is the law of the meat before the LORD, before the altar.

The burnt offering and the meat offering

15 And he shall take of it his handful of the flour of the meat offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meat offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor, even the memorial of it, unto the LORD.

16 And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place: in the court of the tabernacle of the con-

gregation they shall eat it.

17 It shall not be baked with leaven. T have given it unto them for their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as is the sin offering, and as the

trespass offering.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

19 Q And the LORD spake unto Moses.

20 This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an e'phah of fine flour for a meat offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

21 In a pan it shall be made with oil: and when it is baked, thou shalt bring it in: and the baked pieces of the meat offering shalt thou offer for a sweet savor

unto the LORD.

22 And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: it is a statute for ever unto the LORD; it shall be wholly burnt.

23 For every meat offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses. saying. 25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying. This is the law of the sin offering:

In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed be-

26 The priest that offereth it for sin

shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be 13 The fire shall ever be burning upon eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

27 Whatsoeyer shall touch the flesh offering: The sons of Aaron shall offer it thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any The trespass, sin, and peace offerings

garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.

28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brazen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

shall eat thereof: it is most holy.

30 And no sin offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile withal in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

CHAPTER 7

TIKEWISE this is the law of the trespass offering: it is most holy.

2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the trespass offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar.

3 And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that cov-

ereth the inwards.

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away:

5 And the priest shall burn them upon his iniquity. the altar for an offering made by fire unto the LORDs it is a trespass offering.

6 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy

place: it is most holy.

7 As the sin offering is, so is the trespass offering: there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have it.

8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, even the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt offering

which he hath offered.

9 And all the meat offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying pan, and in the pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it.

10 And every meat offering, mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as much as another.

11 And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer

unto the LORD.

12 If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of beast, of which men offer an offering fine flour, fried.

13 Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings.

14 And of it he shall offer one out of the scoured, and rinsed in water. whole oblation for a heave offering unto 29 All the males among the priests the Lord, and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace

offerings.

15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

16 But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice; and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:

17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt

with fire.

18 And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear

19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all

that be clean shall eat thereof.

20 But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that pertain unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

21 Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

23 Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of

ox, or of sheep, or of goat.

24 And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ve shall in no wise eat

25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the made by fire unto the LORD, even the

soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.

26 Moreover ve shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28 C And the LORD spake unto Moses. saving.

29 Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el. saving. He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the LORD, shall bring his oblation unto the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

30 His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast; it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before the LORD.

31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar; but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.

32 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest for a heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part.

34 For the wave breast and the heave shoulder have I taken of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl from off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons, by a statute for ever, from among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl.

35 I This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office;

36 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Is'rā-el, in statute for ever throughout their generations.

37 This is the law of the burnt offering. of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings:

38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Si'nai, in the day that he commanded the children of Is'ra-ĕl to offer wilderness of Si'naï.

CHAPTER 8

ND the LORD spake unto Moses. saving.

2 Take Aaron and his sons with him. and the garments, and the anointing oil. and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread.

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle

of the congregation.

4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the eph'od upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the eph'od, and bound it unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the U'rim

and the Thum'mim.

9 And he put the mitre upon his head: also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took the anointing oil. and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him.

to sanctify him.

13 And Moses brought Aaron's sons. the day that he anointed them, by a and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

14 And he brought the bullock for the sin offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock

for the sin offering.

15 And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood their oblations unto the LORD, in the at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

upon the inwards, and the caul above tions for a sweet savor: it is an offering the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar.

17 But the bullock, and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD com-

manded Moses.

18 ¶ And he brought the ram for the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram

19 And he killed it: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round

about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces,

and the fat.

21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savor, and an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head

of the ram.

23 And he slew it: and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe

of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the

right shoulder:

26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder:

27 And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the

LORD.

28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar upon offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD;

16 And he took all the fat that was the burnt offering: they were consecramade by fire unto the LORD.

> 29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD: for of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the LORD com-

manded Moses.

30 And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

31 C And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and there eat it with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it.

32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ve burn with

33 And we shall not so out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you.

34 As he hath done this day, so the LORD hath commanded to do, to make

an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the

hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 9

ND it came to pass on the eighth day. A that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Is'ra-el:

2 And he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before the LORD.

3 And unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering:

4 Also a bullock and a ram for peace

and a meat offering mingled with oil: sons presented unto him the blood. for to-day the LORD will appear unto which he sprinkled upon the altar round

you.

5 ¶ And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD.

6 And Moses said. This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD

shall appear unto you.

7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

8 C Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offer-

ing, which was for himself.

9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar:

10 But the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin offering, he burnt upon the altar: as the LORD

commanded Moses.

11 And the flesh and the hide he burnt

with fire without the camp.

12 And he slew the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar.

13. And they presented the burnt offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt them upon

the altar.

14 And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt

offering on the altar.

15 Q And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which was the sin offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first.

16 And he brought the burnt offering. and offered it according to the manner. 17 And he brought the meat offering.

and took a handful thereof, and burnt if upon the altar, besides the burnt sacri-

which was for the people; and Aaron's brethren, the whole house of Is'ra-el.

about.

19 And the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the

caul above the liver: 20 And they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the

21 And the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved for a wave offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded.

22 And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them; and came down from offering of the sin offering. and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all

the people.

24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

CHAPTER 10

AND Nā'dāb and Â-bī'hū, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they

died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moses called Mish'ā-ĕl and El-zā'phan, the sons of Ŭz-zī'el the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses

had said.

6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto El'ē-ā'zar and unto Ith'a-mar, his sons, fice of the morning.

Uncover not your heads, neither rend
18 He slew also the bullock and the your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings, come upon all the people; but let your

bewail the burning which the LORD hath brought in within the holy place: ye kindled.

7 And ye shall not go out from the door place, as I commanded. of the tabernacle of the congregation. lest ve die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 C And the LORD spake unto Aaron.

saving.

9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink. thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation. lest ve die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between un-

clean and clean:

of Is'ra-el all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the

hand of Moses.

12 M And Moses spake unto Aaron. and unto El'ē-ā'zar and unto Ith'a-mar, his sons that were left, Take the meat offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it most holy.

13 And ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it is thy due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices of the LORD made by

fire: for so I am commanded.

14 And the wave breast and heave shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for they be thy due, and thy sons' due, which are given out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Is'ra-el.

15 The heave shoulder and the wave breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee. by a statute for ever; as the LORD hath

commanded

16 ¶ And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with El'ē-ā'zar and Ith'a-mar, the sons of be an abomination unto you: Aaron which were left alive, saying,

17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and God hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the in the waters, that shall be an abomina-LORD?

18 Behold, the blood of it was not

should indeed have eaten it in the holy

19 And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD; and such things have befallen me: and if I had eaten the sin offering to-day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD?

20 And when Moses heard that, he was

content.

CHAPTER 11

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and 12 to Aaron, saying unto them,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el, 11 And that ye may teach the children saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.

3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ve eat.

4 Nevertheless, these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, bewithout leaven beside the altar: for it is cause he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof: he is

unclean unto you.

6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.

7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.

8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch; they

are unclean to you.

9 These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall

11 They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ve shall have their carcasses in abomination.

12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales tion unto you.

13 ¶ And these are they which ye shall

have in abomination among the fowls; when they be dead, shall be unclean they shall not be eaten, they are an until the even. abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray.

14 And the vulture, and the kite after

his kind:

15 Every raven after his kind:

16 And the owl, and the nighthawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after his kind, 17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl.

18 And the swan, and the pelican, and

the gier-eagle.

19 And the stork, the heron after her break it. kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.

21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth:

22 Even these of them ve may eat: the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.

23 But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomi-

nation unto you.

24 And for these ve shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcass of them shall be unclean until the even.

25 And whosoever beareth aught of the carcass of them shall wash his clothes.

and be unclean until the even.

26 The carcasses of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.

27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are unclean unto you: whose toucheth their carcass shall be unclean until the even.

them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean

unto you.

29 These also shall be unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise after his kind.

30 And the ferret, and the chameleon. and the lizard, and the snail, and the

mole.

31 These are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them,

32 And upon whatsoever any of them. when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean: whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherein any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.

33 And every earthen vessel, whereinto any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean; and ye shall

34 Of all meat which may be eaten that on which such water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be

unclean.

35 And every thing whereupon any part of their carcass falleth shall be unclean: whether it be oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: for they are unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.

36 Nevertheless a fountain or pit. wherein there is plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their

carcass shall be unclean.

37 And if any part of their carcass fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean.

38 But if any water be put upon the seed, and any part of their carcass fall thereon, it shall be unclean unto vou.

39 And if any beast, of which ve may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcass thereof shall be unclean until the even.

40 And he that eateth of the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creep-28 And he that beareth the carcass of eth upon the earth shall be an abomina-

tion; it shall not be eaten.
42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.

43 Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ve make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should

be defiled thereby.

44 For I am the LORD your God: ve

shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ve shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for

I am holv.

46 This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast

that may not be eaten.

CHAPTER 12

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. saving, If a woman have conceived seed, and borne a man child, then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

foreskin shall be circumcised.

4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

5 But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and

six days.

6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:

7 Who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath

borne a male or a female.

8 And if she be not able to bring a lamb. then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

CHAPTER 13

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh like the plague of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto

one of his sons the priests:

3 And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and when the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight be deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him. and pronounce him unclean.

4 If the bright spot be white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight be not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague seven days:

5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague in his sight be at a stay, and the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more:

6 And the priest shall look on him again 3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague be somewhat dark, and the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is but a scab; and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

7 But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall

be seen of the priest again:

8 And if the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a leprosy.

9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the

priest;

10 And the priest shall see him: and. behold, if the rising be white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and there be quick raw flesh in the rising;

11 It is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for

he is unclean.

12 And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of him that hath the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh:

13 Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, if the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: it is all turned white: he is clean.

14 But when raw flesh appeareth in

him, he shall be unclean.

15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean: for the raw flesh is unclean: it is a leprosy

16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come

unto the priest:

17 And the priest shall see him: and, behold, if the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: he is

18 The flesh also, in which, even in the skin thereof, was a boil, and is

healed,

19 And in the place of the boil there be a white rising, or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it be showed

to the priest;

20 And if, when the priest seeth it, behold, it be in sight lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague of leprosy broken out of the

21 But if the priest look on it, and, behold, there be no white hairs therein, and if it be not lower than the skin, but be somewhat dark; then the priest shall

shut him up seven days:

22 And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague.

23 But if the bright spot stay in his place, and spread not, it is a burning boil; and the priest shall pronounce him

24 I Or if there be any flesh, in the skin whereof there is a hot burning, and the quick flesh that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white:

25 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it be in sight deeper than the skin; it is a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy.

26 But if the priest look on it. and. behold, there be no white hair in the bright spot, and it be no lower than the other

skin, but be somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days:

27 And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: and if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the

plague of leprosy.

28 And if the bright spot stay in his place, and spread not in the skin, but it be somewhat dark; it is a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it is an inflammation of the burning.

29 If a man or woman have a plague

upon the head or the beard:

30 Then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it be in sight deeper than the skin, and there be in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a dry scall, even a leprosy upon the head or beard.

31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, it be not in sight deeper than the skin, and that there is no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague of the scall seven days:

32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall be not in

sight deeper than the skin;

33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up him that hath the scall seven

days more:

34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall; and, behold, if the scall be not spread in the skin, nor be in sight deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

35 But if the scall spread much in the

skin after his cleansing; 36 Then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall be spread in theskin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he is unclean.

37 But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and that there is black hair grown up therein; the scall is healed, he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce

him clean.

38 ¶ If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, even white bright spots;

39 Then the priest shall look: and, be-

their flesh be darkish white, it is a woof, or in any thing of skin; freckled spot that groweth in the skin: he *is* clean.

his head, he is bald; yet is he clean.

41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he is forehead bald; yet is he clean.

42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore; it is a leprosy sprung up in his bald head.

or his bald forehead.

43 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the rising of the sore be white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh:

44 He is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

46 All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be.

47 The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, whether it be a woolen

garment, or a linen garment;

48 Whether it be in the warp, or woof, of linen, or of woolen; whether in a skin,

or in any thing made of skin;

49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a plague of leprosy, and shall be showed unto the priest:

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up it that hath the

plague seven days:

51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, or in any work that is made of skin; the plague is a fretting leprosy; it is unclean.

52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woolen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire.

hold, if the bright spots in the skin of garment, either in the warp, or in the

54 Then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* wherein the plague 40 And the man whose hair is fallen off is, and he shall shut it up seven days

more:

55 And the priest shall look on the plague, after that it is washed: and, behold, if the plague have not changed his color, and the plague be not spread, it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it is fret inward, whether it be bare within or without.

56 And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague be somewhat dark after the washing of it; then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out

of the warp, or out of the woof:

57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading plaque: thou shalt burn that wherein

the plague is with fire.

58 And the garment, either warp, or bare, and he shall put a covering upon woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.

59 This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woolen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pro-

nounce it unclean.

CHAPTER 14

∧ND the LORD spake unto Moses, Saving. 2 This shall be the law of the leper in

the day of his cleansing: He shall be

brought unto the priest: 3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;

4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood,

and scarlet, and hyssop:

5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen

vessel over running water.

6 As for the living bird, he shall take it. and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that 53 And if the priest shall look, and, be- was killed over the running water:

hold, the plague be not spread in the 7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that

times, and shall pronounce him clean. and shall let the living bird loose into the the priest shall make an atonement for

open field.

8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

9 But it shall be on the seventh day. that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and

one log of oil:

11 And the priest that maketh him clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And the priest shall take one he lamb, and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the LORD:

13 And he shall slay the lamb in the place where he shall kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place: for as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the trespass offering: it is most holy:

14 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

15 And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of

his own left hand:

16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD:

17 And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering:

18 And the remnant of the oil that is in as he can get;

is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and

him before the LORD.

19 And the priest shall offer the sin offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering:

20 And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meat offering upon the altar: and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21 And if he be poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb for a trespass offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth deal of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering, and a log of oil;

22 And two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin offering, and the

other a burnt offering.

23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD:

25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed. and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

26 And the priest shall pour of the oil into the palm of his own left hand:

27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD:

28 And the priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass offering:

29 And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD.

30 And he shall offer the one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such

31 Even such as he is able to get, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, with the meat offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD.

32 This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get that which pertaineth to his

cleansing. 33 C And the LORD spake unto Moses

and unto Aaron, saying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Cā'năan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession;

35 And he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saving. It seemeth to me there is as it were a plague in

the house:

they empty the house, before the priest go into it to see the plague, that all that is in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house:

37 And he shall look on the plague, and, behold, if the plague be in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, which in sight are lower than

the wall:

38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut

up the house seven days:

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and, behold, if the plague be spread in the walls of the house;

40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague is, and they shall cast them into plague of leprosy, and scall, an unclean place without the city:

41 And he shall cause the house to be and of a house, scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place:

42 And they shall take other stones. and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar,

and shall plaster the house.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he and say unto them, When any man hath hath scraped the house, and after it is a running issue out of his flesh, because plastered:

44 Then the priest shall come and look. and, behold, if the plague be spread in his issue; whether his flesh run with his

the house, it is a fretting leprosy in the house: it is unclean.

45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof. and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover, he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall

be unclean until the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 And if the priest shall come in, and look upon it, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

49 And he shall take to cleanse the 36 Then the priest shall command that house two birds, and cedar wood, and

scarlet, and hyssop:

50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running

water:

51 And he shall take the cedar wood. and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water. and sprinkle the house seven times:

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hys-

sop, and with the scarlet:

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house; and it shall be clean.

54 This is the law for all manner of

55 And for the leprosy of a garment,

56 And for a rising, and for a scab, and

for a bright spot:

57 To teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosv.

CHAPTER 15

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕi,

of his issue he is unclean.

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in

issue, or his flesh be stopped from his

issue, it is his uncleanness. 4 Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath

the issue, is unclean; and every thing, whereon he sitteth, shall be unclean. 5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall

wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 6 And he that sitteth on any thing

whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and

be unclean until the even.

8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be un-

clean.

10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth any of those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the until the even.

11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and

be unclean until the even.

12 And the vessel of earth, that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall

be rinsed in water.

13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue, then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be

14 And on the eighth day he shall take uncleanness of her separation. to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:

15 And the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a then she shall number to herself seven burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD for his issue.

16 And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all to the door his flesh in water, and be unclean until congregation.

the even.

17 And every garment, and every skin. whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.

18 The woman also with whom man shall lie with seed of copulation, they shall both bathe themselves in water.

and be unclean until the even.

19 Of And if a woman have an issue. and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.

20 And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be

unclean.

21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the

22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes. and bathe himself in water, and be un-

clean until the even.

23 And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he even.

24 And if any man lie with her at all and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation; she shall be unclean.

26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the

27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water,

and be unclean until the even. 28 But if she be cleansed of her issue.

days, and after that she shall be clean. 29 And on the eighth day she shall take. unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the

30 And the priest shall offer the one

for a sin offering, and the other for a be the scapegoat, shall be presented for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ve separate the children they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among

them.

32 This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed goeth from

him, and is defiled therewith:

33 And of her that is sick of her flowers. and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

CHAPTER 16

ND the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the

LORD, and died;

2 And the LORD said unto Moses. Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy blace within the veil before the mercy seat. which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy blace: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with shall he be attired: these are holy garments: therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

5 And he shall take of the congregation goats for a sin offering, and one ram for

a burnt offering.

make an atonement for himself, and for tion of Is'rā-ĕl. his house.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congrega-

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

burnt offering; and the priest shall make alive before the LORD, to make an atonean atonement for her before the LORD ment with him, and to let him go for a

scapegoat into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of of Is'ra-el from their uncleanness; that the sin offering, which is for himself. and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself:

> 12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring

it within the veil:

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die

14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall be sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and because of their transgressions in all their a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 And there shall be no man in the of the children of Is'ra-el two kids of the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have 6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of made an atonement for himself, and for the sin offering, which is for himself, and his household, and for all the congrega-

> 18 And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it: and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Is'rā-ĕl.

20 C And when he hath made an end 10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the minister in the priest's office in his altar, he shall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:

22 And the goat shall bear upon him all tion. their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in

the wilderness.

23 And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put LORD commanded Moses. off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there:

24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.

25 And the fat of the sin offering shall

he burn upon the altar.

26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward

come into the camp.

27 And the bullock for the sin offering. and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.

28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the

camp.

29 And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all. whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

30 For on that day shall the briest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins their generations.

before the LORD.

31 It shall be a sabbath of rest unto statute for ever.

32 And the priest, whom he shall offering or sacrifice, anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to

father's stead, shall make the atone-ment, and shall put on the linen clothes,

even the holy garments:

33 And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar: and he shall make an atonement for the priests. and for all the people of the congrega-

34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Is'ra-el for all their sins once a year. And he did as the

CHAPTER 17

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and say unto them; This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying,

3 What man soever there be of the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth

it out of the camp,

4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people:

5 To the end that the children of Isrā-ĕl may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD. unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them for peace offerings unto the LORD.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savor unto the LORD.

7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout

8 T And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a of Is'rā-ĕl, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of

the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 I And whatsoever man there be of the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an

atonement for the soul.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. No soul of you shall eat blood. neither shall any stranger that sojourn-

eth among you eat blood.

13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

of it is for the life thereof: therefore I father's near kinswoman. said unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh; for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

15 And every soul that eateth that which died of itself, or that which was torn with beasts, whether it be one of both wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean.

16 But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh; then he shall bear his iniquity.

CHAPTER 18

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, I am the LORD your

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Ca'naan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am

the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.

6 II None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.

7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt

not uncover her nakedness.

8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's

nakedness.

9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness.

11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her

nakedness.

12 Thou shalt not uncover the naked-14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood ness of thy father's sister; she is thy

13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is

thy mother's near kinswoman.

14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine

15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedyour own country, or a stranger, he shall ness of thy daughter-in-law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her

nakedness.

16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy

brother's nakedness.

17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.

18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, besides the other in her life time.

19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor's wife, to defile thyself with her.

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Mo'lech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither falsely, neither lie one to another. any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;)

28 That the land spew not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spewed out the nations that were before you.

these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among

their people.

30 Therefore shall ve keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were thou judge thy neighbor. committed before you, and that we defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 19

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saving.

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.

3 ¶ Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your Gcd.

4 I Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God.

5 If And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer

it at your own will.

6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if aught remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not he

accepted.

8 Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 M And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vinevard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

11 Q Ye shall not steal, neither deal

12 I And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neigh. bor, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor 29 For whosoever shall commit any of put a stumblingblock before the blind. but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

15 ¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt

16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am the LORD.

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him.

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor

as thyself: I am the LORD.

19 Te shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woolen come upon thee.

20 4 And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, betrothed to a husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; she shall be scourged: they shall not be put to death. because she was not free.

ing unto the LORD, unto the door of the you out of the land of Egypt. tabernacle of the congregation, even a

ram for a trespass offering.

22 And the priest shall make an atone- them: I am the LORD. ment for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath done; and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven

land, and shall have planted all manner fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three you: it shall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD

withal.

25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God.

26 ¶ Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ve use enchant-

ment, nor observe times.

27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in from among their people. your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.

29 I Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 ¶ Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD. 31 G Regard not them that have fa-

miliar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

33 ¶ And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. 34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 TY Ye shall do no unrighteousness in them. judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in

e'phah, and a just hin, shall ve have: I their blood shall be upon them.

21 And he shall bring his trespass offer- am the LORD your God, which brought

37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do

CHAPTER 20

ND the LORD spake unto Moses, A saving.

2 Again, thou shalt say to the children 23 ¶ And when ye shall come into the of Iş'rā-ĕi, Whosoever he be of the chil-and, and shall have planted all manner dren of Iş'rā-ĕi, or of the strangers that of trees for food, then ye shall count the sojourn in Is ra-el, that giveth any of his seed unto Mō'lech; he shall surely be years shall it be as uncircumcised unto put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Mo'lech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Mo'lech, and

kill him not:

5 Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Mo'lech,

6 Q And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his

people.

7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God. 8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you. 9 T For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

10 ¶ And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's. for ye were strangers in the land of nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon

12 And if a man lie with his daughterin-law, both of them shall surely be put 36 Just balances, just weights, a just to death: they have wrought confusion;

13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death; and ye shall

slav the beast.

16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall upon them.

be upon them.

17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood; and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister; for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.

20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin;

they shall die childless.

21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 ¶ Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spew you not out.

23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.

25 Ye shall therefore put difference be-

tween clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean; and ve shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from vou as unclean.

26 And ve shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should

be mine.

27 I A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be

CHAPTER 21

ND the LORD said unto Moses. A Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his

2 But for his kin, that is near unto him. that is, for his mother, and for his father. and for his son, and for his daughter.

and for his brother. 3 And for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband; for her may he be defiled.

4 But he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to pro-

fane himself.

5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

6 They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the bread of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy.

7 They shall not take a wife that is a whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.

8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore: for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD. which sanctify you, am holy.

9 4 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she

shall be burnt with fire.

10 And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor rend his clothes:

11 Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father,

or for his mother:

12 Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD. 13 And he shall take a wife in her

14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or a harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his

own people to wife.

15 Neither shall he profane his seed among his people: for I the LORD do

sanctify him.

16 T And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saving.

17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God.

18 For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,

19 Or a man that is broken-footed, or

broken-handed,

hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken;

21 No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. 22 He shall eat the bread of his God. both of the most holy, and of the holy.

23 Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify

them. 24 And Moses told it unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of

Iş'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 22

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and that they profane not my holy name in those things which they hallow unto me: I am the LORD.

3 Say unto them. Whosoever he be of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Is'ra-el hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.

4 What man soever of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath a running issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whose toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man

whose seed goeth from him:

5 Or whoseever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath:

6 The soul which hath touched any such shall be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he

wash his flesh with water.

7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things; because it is his

8 That which dieth of itself, or is torn with beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: I am the LORD.

9 They shall therefore keep mine ordi-20 Or crookbacked, or a dwarf, or that nance, lest they bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I the LORD do sanctify them.

10 There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy

thing.

11 But if the priest buy any soul with his money, he shall eat of it, and he that is born in his house: they shall eat of his meat.

12 If the priest's daughter also be married unto a stranger, she may not eat of

an offering of the holy things.

13 But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house. as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat: but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

14 And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing.

15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, which they offer unto the LORD:

16 Or suffer them to bear the iniquity

things; for I the LORD do sanctify them. morrow: I am the LORD.

17 C And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saving.

18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons. and unto all the children of Is'ra-el, and say unto them, Whatsoever he be of the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, or of the strangers in Is'rā-ĕl, that will offer his oblation for all his yows, and for all his freewill offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD. for a burnt offering:

19 Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of

the sheep, or of the goats.

20 But whatsoever hath a blemish. that shall ve not offer; for it shall not be

acceptable for you.

21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish his yow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon

the altar unto the LORD.

23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering: but for a yow it shall not be accepted.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offer-

ing thereof in your land.

25 Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these: because their corruption is in them, and blemishes be in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26 T And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saying, 27 When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both in

one day

29 And when ve will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will.

of trespass, when they eat their holy up; ye shall leave none of it until the

31 Therefore shall ve keep my com. mandments, and do them: I am the

LORD.

32 Neither shall ve profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Is'ra-el: I am the LORD which hallow you.

33 That brought you out of the land of

CHAPTER 23

AND the LORD spake unto Moses. a saving.

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-el. and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations. even

these are my feasts.

3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 These are the feasts of the LORD even holy convocations, which ye shall

proclaim in their seasons.

5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 In the first day ye shall have a holv convocation: ye shall do no servile work

therein.

8 But ve shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

9 I And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest

shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf a he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

30 On the same day it shall be eaten 13 And the meat offering thereof shall

be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled saying. In the seventh month, in the with oil, an offering made by fire unto first day of the month, shall ye have a the LORD for a sweet savor: and the sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumdrink offering thereof shall be of wine. pets, a holy convocation. the fourth part of a hin.

parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your genera-

tions in all your dwellings.

the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be LORD. complete:

16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ve number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat

offering unto the LORD.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the first-

fruits unto the LORD.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savor unto the LORD.

19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of saying,

peace offerings.

20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD

for the priest.

21 And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be a holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout

your generations.

22 ¶ And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saving.

24 Speak unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and beside your gifts, and beside all

25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: 14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor but ye shall offer an offering made by

fire unto the LORD.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atone-15 M And ye shall count unto you from ment: it shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the

> 28 And ve shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD

your God.

29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. 30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth

any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his

people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,

34 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work

therein.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD; on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you, and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

37 These are the feasts of the LORD. which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD

offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

40 And we shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God

seven days.

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations; ve shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days: all that are İş'rā-ĕl-îtes born shall dwell

in booths:

43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Is'ra-el to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

44 And Moses declared unto the children of Is'ra-el the feasts of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Is'rā-ĕl. that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.

3 Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations.

4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD con-

tinually.

5 ¶ And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rows. six on a row, upon the pure table before

the LORD.

7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order

your yows, and beside all your freewill taken from the children of Is'ra-el by an

everlasting covenant.

9 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'. and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offer. ings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

10 C And the son of an Is'rā-ĕl-īt'ish woman, whose father was an Egyptian. went out among the children of Is rā-ĕl: and this son of the Is'rā-ĕl-īt'īsh woman and a man of Is'ra-el strove to-

gether in the camp; 11 And the İş'rā-ĕl-īt'ish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Shë'lō-mith, the daughter of Dib'rī. of the tribe of Dan:)

12 And they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be showed

them.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses. saving

14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.

16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.

17 And he that killeth any man shall

surely be put to death.

18 And he that killeth a beast shall

make it good: beast for beast.

19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbor; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him:

20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again.

21 And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he

shall be put to death.

22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God.

23 ¶ And Moses spake to the children before the LORD continually, being of Iş'rā-ĕl, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp. and stone him with stones: and the children of Is'rā-ĕl did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 25

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sī'naī, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el. and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field. and six years thou shalt prune thy vinevard, and gather in the fruit thereof:

4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land.

6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that soiourneth with thee

7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the in-

crease thereof be meat.

8 4 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atone-

throughout all your land.

10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap gather the grapes in it of thy vine

undressed.

thereof out of the field.

13 In the year of this jubilee ve shall return every man unto his possession. 14 And if thou sell aught unto thy

neighbor, or buyest aught of thy neighbor's hand, ye shall not oppress one another:

15 According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbor, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell

unto thee:

16 According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.

17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for

I am the LORD your God.

18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

19 And the land shall vield her fruit. and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell

therein in safety.

20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat uet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

23 The land shall not be sold for 9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

24 And in all the land of your possesment shall ye make the trumpet sound sion ye shall grant a redemption for the

land.

25 Q If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it. then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.

26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it:

27 Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus that which groweth of itself in it, nor unto the man to whom he sold it: that he may return unto his possession.

28 But if he be not able to restore it to 12 For it is the jubilee; it shall be him, then that which is sold shall remain holy unto you; ye shall eat the increase in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee; and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall re-

turn unto his possession.

29 And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; within a full year may he redeem it.

30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubilee.

31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.

32 Notwithstanding the cities of the Lē'vītes, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Lē'vītes re-

deem at any time.

33 And if a man purchase of the Letvites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the year of jubilee: for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Is ra-ei.

34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their per-

petual possession.

35 ¶ And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy

brother may live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

38 I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Ca'naan, and to be your God.

39 ¶ And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve

as a bondservant:

40 But as a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee:

41 And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they are my servants, which I him.

The redemptions in the year of jubilee brought forth out of the land of Egypt:

they shall not be sold as bondmen.

43 Thou shalt not rule over him with

rigor: but shalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you, of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

45 Moreover, of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land; and they shall be your

possession.

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever; but over your brethren the children of Iş'rā-ël, ye shall not rule one over another with rigor.

47 And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's

family:

48 After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may

redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant shall it be with him.

51 If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the

money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and the other shall not rule with rigor over him in thy sight.

54 And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him.

Israel's obedience to be rewarded

are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 26

TE shall make you no idols nor graven L image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the LORD your God.

2 W Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD. 3 C If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them:

4 Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your

land safely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

they shall fall before you by the sword. 8 And five of you shall chase a hundred,

and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall

fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you, and will

be your God, and ye shall be my people. 13 I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen: and I have broken the bands of

your yoke, and made you go upright. 14 I But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these com-

mandments;

15 And if we shall despise my statutes. or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that we break my covenant:

16 I also will do this unto you; I will idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

55 For unto me the children of Iş'rā-ĕl even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you

seven times more for your sins. 19 And I will break the pride of your power: and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land

vield their fruits.

21 And if ye walk contrary unto me. and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon

you according to your sins.

22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

23 And if ye will not be reformed by me 7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and by these things, but will walk contrary

unto me:

24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring a sword upon you. that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters

shall ye eat.

30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your 31 And I will make your cities waste, iniquity; because, even because they and bring your sanctuaries unto desolates of their soul abhorred my statutes. your sweet odors.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell

therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate. and your cities waste.

34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sab-

baths.

35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest: because it did not rest in your sab-

baths, when ve dwelt upon it.

36 And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.

37 And they shall fall one upon another. as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to

stand before your enemies.

38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies

shall eat you up

39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of unto twenty years old, then thy estimatheir fathers shall they pine away with

40 If they shall confess their iniquity. and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have

walked contrary unto me:

41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled. and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

42 Then will I remember my covenant Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember: and I will remem-

ber the land.

43 The land also shall be left of them. and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them; and they shall accept of the punishment of their

44 And vet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies. I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the Lorn their God.

45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be

their God: I am the LORD.

46 These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Isrā-ĕl in mount Sī'naī by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 27

AND the LORD spake unto Moses. A saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. and say unto them, When a man shall make a singular yow, the persons shall be for the LORD by thy estimation.

3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 And if it be a female, then thy esti-

mation shall be thirty shekels.

5 And if it be from five years old even tion shall be of the male twenty shekels. and for the female ten shekels.

6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver.

7 And if it be from sixty years old and above; if it be a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the

female ten shekels.

8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value with Jacob, and also my covenant with him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if it be a beast, whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that any man giveth of such unto the LORD

shall be holy.

10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast. then it and the exchange thereof shall he holy.

11 And if it be any unclean beast. of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest:

12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, who

art the priest, so shall it be.

he shall add a fifth bart thereof unto thy

estimation. 14 Q And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.

15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the

unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD some part of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be acels of silver.

17 If he sanctify his field from the year LORD. of jubilee, according to thy estimation

it shall stand.

18 But if he sanctify his field after the iubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubilee, and it shall be abated from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be as-

sured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.

21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.

a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of his possession;

23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubilee: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was

bought. even to him to whom the possession of the land did belong.

25 And all thy estimations shall be 13 But if he will at all redeem it, then according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 Only the firstling of the beasts. which should be the LORD's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox, or sheep: it is the LORD's.

27 And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth bart of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then fifth part of the money of thy estimation it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, both of man and cording to the seed thereof: a homer of beast, and of the field of his possesharlev seed shall be valued at fifty shek- sion, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the

> 29 None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; but

shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the fithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the Lord.

31 And if a man will at all redeem aught of his tithes, he shall add thereto the

fifth part thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd. or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it

shall not be redeemed.

hereof shall be the priest's.

34 These are the commandments, 22 And if a man sanctify unto the LORD which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Is'ra-ĕl in mount Sī'naī.

31 And I will make your cities waste. and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sab-

35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sab-

baths, when ye dwelt upon it.

36 And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword: and they shall fall when none pursueth.

37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to

stand before your enemies.

38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies

shall eat you up.

39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

40 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have

walked contrary unto me;

41 And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled. and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remem-

ber the land.

43 The land also shall be left of them. and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they

iniquity; because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God

45 But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be

their God: I am the LORD.

46 These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Is' rā-ĕl in mount Si'nai by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 27

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, . saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. and say unto them, When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons shall be for the LORD by thy estimation.

3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 And if it be a female, then the esti-

mation shall be thirty shekels.

5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

6 And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver.

7 And if it be from sixty years old and above; if it be a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the

female ten shekels.

8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if it be a beast, whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that any man giveth of such unto the LORD

shall be holy.

10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, shall accept of the punishment of their a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; and if he shall at all change beast for beast. then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy.

11 And if it be any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest:

12 And the priest shall value it. whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it. who

art the priest, so shall it be.

he shall add a fifth part thereof unto thy estimation.

14 Q And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand.

15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation

unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the sion, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: a homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

17 If he sanctify his field from the year LORD. of jubilee, according to thy estimation

it shall stand.

18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years inhilee, and it shall be abated from thy the LORD. estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be as-

sured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field. or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.

21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession shall not be redeemed. thereof shall be the priest's.

22 And if a man sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of his possession;

23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubilee: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the pos-

session of the land did belong.

25 And all thy estimations shall be 13 But if he will at all redeem it, then according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 © Only the firstling of the beasts.

which should be the LORD's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox,

or sheep: it is the LORD's.

27 And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to the estimation.

28 Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, LORD some part of a field of his posses- that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy unto the

29 None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; but

shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of that remain, even unto the year of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto

31 And if a man will at all redeem aught of his tithes, he shall add thereto the

fifth part thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd. or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it

34 These are the commandments. which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Is'ra-el in mount Sī'naī.

NUMBERS

CHAPTER 1

the wilderness of Si'nai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 Take ve the sum of all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names,

every male by their polls:

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Is'rā-ĕl: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe: every one head of the house

of his fathers.

5 I And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: of the tribe of Reuben; E-li'zur the son of Shěďě-ŭr.

Zū'rĭ-shăd'daī.

7 Of Judah; Näh'shön the son of Am-min'a-däb. 8 Of Is'sa-chär: Nē-thăn'ē-ĕl the son

of Zū'ar.

9 Of Zěb'ū-lun; E-li'ab the son of Hē'lŏn.

10 Of the children of Toseph: of E'phrā-im; Ē-lish'à-mä the son of Ām-mī'hūd; of Mà-năs'sĕh; Gà-mā'li-ĕl the son of Pē-däh'zŭr.

11 Of Benjamin: Ab'i-dan the son of forth to war: Gĭďē-ŏ'nī.

12 Of Dan: A'hī-ē'zēr the son of

Am'mĭ-shăd'daī. 13 Of Åsh'ēr; Pā'gĭ-ĕl the son of Öc'răn.

14 Of Gad: E-li'à-saph the son of Deū'ěl.

E'năn.

16 These were the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Īş'rā-ĕl.

17 ¶ And Moses and Aaron took these hundred. men which are expressed by their

names:

18 And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the ND the LORD spake unto Moses in second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls.

> 19 As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of

20 And the children of Reuben, Is' rā-ĕl's eldest son, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

22 ¶ Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to 6 Of Simeon; Shē-lū'mi-ĕl the son of the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and unward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty

and nine thousand and three hundred 24 ¶ Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go

25 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

26 C Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the 15 Of Naph'ta-li: A-hi'ra the son of number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Judah, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six

28 ¶ Of the children of Is'sa-char. by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Is'sà-char, were fifty and four thousand and four

hundred.

30 C Of the children of Zeb'ū-lun, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war:

31 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Zeb'ū-lun, were

hundred.

32 @ Of the children of Joseph, namely, of the children of E'phra-im. by their generations, after their families. by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

33 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of E'phrā-im, were forty thousand and five hundred.

34 ¶ Of the children of Mà-năs'sĕh, by their generations, after their families. by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war:

35 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Ma-nas'seh, were thirty and two thousand and two

hundred.

36 C Of the children of Benjamin. by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty vears old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Benjamin, were thereof; and they shall minister unto

hundred.

38 ¶ Of the children of Dan, by their number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war:

39 Those that were numbered of them. even of the tribe of Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven

hundred.

40 ¶ Of the children of Ash'er, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty vears old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war:

41 Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Ash'er, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 ¶ Of the children of Năph'tà-lī. throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers. according to the number of the names. from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war:

43 Those that were numbered of them. fifty and seven thousand and four even of the tribe of Naph'ta-li, were fifty and three thousand and four

hundred.

44 These are those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Iş'rā-ĕl, being twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbered of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go

forth to war in Is'ra-ël:

46 Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 T But the Le'vites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49 Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Is'ra-el:

50 But thou shalt appoint the Le'vites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thirty and five thousand and four it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle setteth generations, after their families, by the forward, the Le'vites shall take it down; house of their fathers, according to the and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Le'vites shall set it up; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

> 52 And the children of Is'ra-el shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Is'ra-el; and the Le' vites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

54 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl did according to all that the LORD commanded

Moses, so did they,

CHAPTER 2

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying.

2 Every man of the children of Is ra-ĕl shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation

shall they pitch.

3 And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Näh'shon the son of Am-min'a-dab shall be captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

5 And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Is'sa-char: and Nethăn'ē-ĕl the son of Zū'ar shall be captain of the children of Is'sa-char.

6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four numbered of them, were thirty and two

thousand and four hundred.

7 Then the tribe of Zěb'ū-lun: and E-lī'āb the son of Hē'lŏn shall be captain of the children of Zĕb'ū-lŭn.

8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and seven

thousand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbered in the camp of Judah were a hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies: these shall first set forth.

10 I On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben shall be E-li'zur

the son of Shed'e-ur.

11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six

thousand and five hundred.

12 And those which pitch by him shall be the tribe of Simeon; and the captain of the children of Simeon shall be Shelū'mĭ-ĕl the son of Zū'rĭ-shăd'daī.

13 And his host, and those that were

53 But the Le'vites shall pitch round numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

> 14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad shall be E-lift

a-saph the son of Reu'el.

15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben were a hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies: and they shall set forth in the second rank.

17 I Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Le'vites in the midst of the camp; as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their

standards.

18 ¶ On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of E'phra-im according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of E'phra-im shall be E-lish' à-mä the son of Am-mi'hud.

19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand

and five hundred.

20 And by him shall be the tribe of Mà-nas'sĕh: and the captain of the children of Ma-nas'seh shall be Ga-ma' li-ĕl the son of Pē-däh'zŭr.

21 And his host, and those that were

thousand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin; and the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Ab'i-dăn the son of Gid'ē-ō'nī.

23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five

thousand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbered of the camp of E'phrā-im were a hundred thousand and eight thousand and a hundred. throughout their armies: and they shall go forward in the third rank.

25 The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan shall be A'hī-ē'zēr the son of

Am'mĭ-shăd'daī.

26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

27 And those that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Ash'er: and the captain of the children of Ash'er shall be Pa'gi-el the son of Oc'ran.

28 And his host, and those that were

numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

29 ¶ Then the tribe of Naph'ta-li: and the captain of the children of Năph'tà-li shall be A-hī'ra the son of E'nan.

30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three

thousand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbered in the camp of Dan were a hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred: they shall go hindmost with their standards.

32 These are those which were numbered of the children of Is'ra-el by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Le'vites were not numbered among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl; as the

LORD commanded Moses.

34 And the children of Is'ra-el did according to all that the LORD com-manded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

CHAPTER 3

HESE also are the generations of Aaron and Moses, in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sī'naī.

2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Na'dab the firstborn, and A-bî'hû, El'ē-ā'zar, and Ĭth'a-mär.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the

priest's office.

4 And Nā'dāb and A-bī'hū died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sī'naī, and they had no children: and El'ē-ā'zar and Ith'a-mār ministered in their father.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that Ger'shon-ites.

they may minister unto him.

to do the service of the tabernacle.

8 And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Is'ra-el, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 And thou shalt give the Lë'vites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him out of the children

of Is'rā-ĕl.

10 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Is'ra-el instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Ist rā-ĕl: therefore the Lē'vītes shall be mine:

13 Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Is'ra-el, both man and beast: mine they shall be: I am

the LORD.

14 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sī'naī, saving,

15 Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was

commanded.

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Ger'shon, and Ko'hath. and Me-ra'ri.

18 And these are the names of the sons of Ger'shon by their families; Lib'ni,

and Shim'ē-ī.

19 And the sons of Kö'hath by their families; Äm'răm, and Ĭz'ē-här, Hē' bron, and Ŭz-zī'ěl.

20 And the sons of Me-ra'ri by their families; Mäh'lī, and Mū'shī. These the priest's office in the sight of Aaron are the families of the Le'vites according to the house of their fathers.

21 Of Ger'shon was the family of the Lib'nītes, and the family of the Shimites: these are the families of the

22 Those that were numbered of them, 7 And they shall keep his charge, and according to the number of all the males, the charge of the whole congregation be- from a month old and upward, even fore the tabernacle of the congregation, those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Ger'shon-ites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward.

24 And the chief of the house of the father of the Ger'shon-ites shall be

Ē-lī'à-săph the son of Lā'ĕl.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gërshon in the tabernacle of the congregation shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it.

for all the service thereof.

27 ¶ And of Kō'hāth was the family of the Am'rām-ites, and the family of the L̄c'e-hār-ites, and the family of the H̄c'bron-ites, and the family of the Uz-zīc'el-ites: these are the familles of the Kō'hāth-ites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the

charge of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kō'hāth shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle

southward.

'30 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kö'häthites shall be El'i-zā'phān the son of Üz-zī'ēl.

31 And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof.

32 And El'ē-ā'zar the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief over the chief of the Lē'vītes, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 ¶ Of Mē-rā'rī was the family of the Māh'lītes, and the family of the Mū'shites: these are the families of Mē-rā'rī.

34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Mē-rā'rī was Zū'rī-ēl the son of Āb'ī-hāil: these shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward.

36 And under the custody and charge of the sons of Mē-rā'rī shall be the

boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto.

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins.

and their cords.

38 ¶ But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Is ra-ei; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

39 All that were numbered of the Let vites, which is Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the Lord, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were

twenty and two thousand.

40 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn of the males of the children of İş'rā-ĕl from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou shalt take the Lē'vītes for me (I am the Lord) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Is'rā-ēl; and the cattle of the Lē'vītes instead of all the firstligns among the cattle of the children of Is'rā-ēl.

42 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the firstborn among

the children of Is'ra-ĕl.

43 And all the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

44 T And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

45 Take the Lē'vites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Iş'rā-ĕi, and the cattle of the Lē'vites instead of their cattle; and the Lē'vites shall be mine: I am the LORD.

46 And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Is'rā-ĕi, which are more than

the Le'vites:

47 Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them: (the shekel is twenty gē'rāhs:)

48 And thou shalt give the money,

wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his

SOUS.

49 And Moses took the redemption money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Le' vites:

50 Of the firstborn of the children of Is'ra-ël took he the money: a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

51 And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 4

↑ND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saving,

2 Take the sum of the sons of Ko'hath from among the sons of Levi, after their

families, by the house of their fathers. 3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

of Ko'hath in the tabernacle of the congregation, about the most holy things.

5 ¶ And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering veil, and cover the ark of testimony

6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in

the staves thereof.

7 And upon the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and out thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be may live, and not die, when they apthereon:

8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall

put in the staves thereof.

9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it:

10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of

a bar.

11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:

12 And they shall take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put them on a bar.

13 And they shall take away the ches from the altar, and spread a purple cloth

thereon:

14 And they shall out upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, even the censers, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it.

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary. and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward: after that. the sons of Kö'hath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are 4 This shall be the service of the sons the burden of the sons of Kö'hath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

> 16 Q And to the office of El'ē-ā'zār the son of Aaron the priest pertaineth the oil for the light, and the sweet incense. and the daily meat offering, and the anointing oil, and the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is. in the sanctuary, and in the vessels

thereof.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses

and unto Aaron, saying,

18 Cut ve not off the tribe of the families of the Kô'hath-ites from among the Lē'vītes:

19 But thus do unto them, that they proach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden:

20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die. 21 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

22 Take also the sum of the sons of Ger'shon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by their families;

23 From thirty years old and upward badgers' skins, and shall put it upon until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

24 This is the service of the families of the Ger'shon-ites, to serve, and for burdens:

25 And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: families, and by the house of their so shall they serve.

27 At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Ger'shon-ites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their

burdens.

28 This is the service of the families of the sons of Ger'shon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ith'a-mar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 ¶ As for the sons of Mē-rā'rī, thou shalt number them after their families,

by the house of their fathers:

30 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

31 And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and

sockets thereof.

32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ve shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.

33 This is the service of the families of their service, in the tabernacle of the their families, and after the house of congregation, under the hand of Ith'a- their fathers.

mär the son of Aaron the priest.

lies, and after the house of their fathers, tabernacle of the congregation,

35 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

36 And those that were numbered of them by their families were two thou-

sand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These were they that were num. bered of the families of the Ko'hath. ites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Ger'shon, throughout their

fathers.

39 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

40 Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.

41 These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Ger'shon. of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD.

42 C And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Mē-rā'rī. throughout their families, by the house

of their fathers,

43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 Even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three

thousand and two hundred.

45 These be those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Mē-rā'rī, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

46 All those that were numbered of the Le'vites, whom Moses and Aaron and the sons of Mē-rā'rī, according to all the chief of Is'rā-ĕl numbered, after

47 From thirty years old and upward 34 T And Moses and Aaron and the even unto fifty years old, every one that chief of the congregation numbered the came to do the service of the ministry, sons of the Ko'hath-ites after their fami- and the service of the burden in the them, were eight thousand and five hun-

dred and fourscore.

49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Is'rā-ĕl. that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead: 3 Both male and female shall ve put out, without the camp shall ve put them: that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell.

4 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the

children of Is'rā-ĕl.

5 M And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saving.

6 Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el. When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be

guilty:

7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him against the curse: whom he hath trespassed.

8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, even to the priest; beside the atonement shall be made for him.

9 And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Is'ra-el, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his. 10 And every man's hallowed things

shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11 C And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saving.

12 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and say unto them. If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him.

48 Even those that were numbered of and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her. neither she be taken with the manner;

14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his

wife, and she be not defiled:

15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an e'phah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near.

and set her before the LORD:

17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water:

18 And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which is the jealousy offering; and the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse:

19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman, If no. man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness with another instead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that causeth

20 But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with

thee besides thine husband:

21 Then the priest shall charge the ram of the atonement, whereby an woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell:

22 And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot.

And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.
23 And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them

out with the bitter water:

24 And he shall cause the woman to 13 And a man lie with her carnally, and drink the bitter water that causeth the it be hid from the eyes of her husband, curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter.

25 Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar:

26 And the priest shall take a handful of the offering, even the memorial there-of, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the

water.

27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and

shall conceive seed.

29 This is the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to another instead of

her husband, and is defiled:

30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

31 Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear

her iniquity.

CHAPTER 6

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. and say unto them. When either man or woman shall separate themselves to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate them-

selves unto the LORD:

3 He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.

4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree. from the kernels even to the husk.

5 All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let head of his separation at the door of the the locks of the hair of his head grow, tabernacle of the congregation, and shall

6 All the days that he senarateth him. self unto the LORD he shall come at no

dead hody. 7 He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his

brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God is upon his head.

8 All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD.

9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of

the congregation:

11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a trespass offering: but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13 Q And this is the law of the Nazarite: when the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congre-

gation:

14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings,

15 And a basket of unleavened bread. cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and

their drink offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring them before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering:

17 And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering.

18 And the Nazarite shall shave the

tion, and put it in the fire which is under ing to his service. the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his separation is shaven:

20 And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD: this is holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

21 This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the LORD for his separation, besides that that his hand shall get: according to the yow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 I And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saving,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying unto them, 24 The LORD bless thee, and keep

thee: 25 The LORD make his face shine upon

thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance

upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Is'ra-el, and I will bless them.

CHAPTER 7

ND it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;

2 That the princes of Is'ra-el, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered:

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying.

5 Take it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them

take the hair of the head of his separa- unto the Le'vites, to every man accord-

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Le'vites. 7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Ger'shon, according to

their service: 8 And four wagons and eight oxen he

gave unto the sons of Mē-rā'rī, according unto their service, under the hand of Ith'a-mär the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But unto the sons of Ko'hath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them was that they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their

offering before the altar.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses. They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 ¶ And he that offered his offering the first day was Näh'shon the son of Am-min'a-dab, of the tribe of Judah:

13 And his offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof-was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them were full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

14 One spoon of ten shekels of gold,

full of incense:

15 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

16 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

17 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Näh'shon the son of Ammin'a-dab.

18 ¶ On the second day Në-thăn'ë-ĕl the son of Zū'ar, prince of Is'sa-char,

did offer:

19 He offered for his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

20 One spoon of gold of ten shekels.

full of incense:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one

lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

23 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ne-than'e-el the son of Zü'ar.

24 C On the third day E-li'ab the son of He'lon, prince of the children of

Zĕb'ū-lŭn, did offer:

25 His offering was one silver charger. the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

26 One golden spoon of ten shekels,

full of incense:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

29 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of E-li'ab the son of He'lon.

30 T On the fourth day E-li'zur the son of Shěd'ē-ur, prince of the children

of Reuben, did offer:

31 His offering was one silver charger of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

32 One golden spoon of ten shekels,

full of incense:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

34 One kid of the goats for a sin full of incense:

offering:

35 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings. two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of E-lī'zŭr the son of Shěd'ē-ŭr.

36 C On the fifth day She-lu'mi-el the son of Zū'rī-shad'daī, prince of the chil-

dren of Simeon, did offer:

37 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them full of fine flour the children of Ma-nas'seh: mingled with oil for a meat offering:

38 One golden spoon of ten shekels. full of incense:

39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt

offering:

40 One kid of the goats for a sin offering:

41 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats. five lambs of the first year; this was the offering of She-lu'mi-el the son of Zū'rĭ-shăd'daī.

42 ¶ On the sixth day E-li'a-saph the son of Deū'el, prince of the children of

Gad, offered:

43 His offering was one silver charger of the weight of a hundred and thirty shekels, a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

44 One golden spoon of ten shekels,

full of incense:

45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

46 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

47 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of E-li'a-saph the son of Deū'ěl.

48 ¶ On the seventh day E-lish'a-mä the son of Am-mi'hud, prince of the

children of E'phrā-im, offered:

49 His offering was one silver charger. the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

50 One golden spoon of ten shekels.

51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the dirst year, for a burnt offering:

52 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

53 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of E-lish'a-mä the son of Am-mī'hŭd.

54 ¶ On the eighth day offered Gamā'li-ēl the son of Pē-däh'zur, prince of

55 His offering was one silver charger

shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

56 One golden spoon of ten shekels,

full of incense:

57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

58 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

59 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ga-ma'li-el the son of Pē-däh'zŭr.

60 C On the ninth day Ab'i-dan the son of Gid'e-o'ni, prince of the children

of Benjamin, offered:

61 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

62 One golden spoon of ten shekels,

full of incense:

63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt tuary; both of them full of fine flour offering:

64 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

65 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Ab'i-dan the son of Gidē-ō'nī.

66 ¶ On the tenth day A'hī-ē'zēr the son of Am'mi-shad'dai, prince of the

children of Dan, offered:

67 His offering was one silver charger. the weight whereof was a hundred and mingled with oil for a meat offering:

68 One golden spoon of ten shekels,

full of incense:

69 One young bullock, one ram, one offering:

70 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

71 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, lambs of the first year; this was the twenty shekels.

of the weight of a hundred and thirty offering of A'hi 5'zer the son of Ammĭ-shăd'daī.

> 72 On the eleventh day Pā'gĭ-ĕl the son of Oc'ran, prince of the children of

Ash'er, offered:

73 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat offering:

74 One golden spoon of ten shekels,

full of incense:

75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

76 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

77 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of Pa'gi-ĕl the son of Oc'răn.

78 ¶ On the twelfth day A-hi'ra the son of E'nan, prince of the children of

Năph'tà-lī, offered:

79 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sancmingled with oil for a meat offering:

80 One golden spoon of ten shekels,

full of incense:

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

82 One kid of the goats for a sin

offering:

83 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five lambs of the first year: this was the offering of A-hi'ra the son of E'nan.

84 This was the dedication of the altar, thirty shekels, one silver bowl of sev- in the day when it was anointed, by the enty shekels, after the shekel of the princes of Isra-ei: twelve chargers of sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve

spoons of gold:

85 Each charger of silver weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels weighed lamb of the first year, for a burnt two thousand and four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

86 The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece. after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the two oxen, five rams, five he goats, five gold of the spoons was a hundred and

87 All the oxen for the burnt offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat offering: and the kids of the

goats for sin offering twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings were twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he spake unto him.

CHAPTER 8

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

3 And Aaron did so: he lighted the lamps thereof over against the candlestick, as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 And this work of the candlestick was of beaten gold; unto the shaft thereof. unto the flowers thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the LORD had showed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

5 T And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saving.

6 Take the Le'vites from among the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and cleanse them. 7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with his meat offering, even fine flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin offering.

9 And thou shalt bring the Le'vites before the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Is'ra-el together.

10 And thou shalt bring the Le'vites before the LORD: and the children of Iş'rā-ĕl shall put their hands upon the Lë'vites:

children of Iş'rā-ĕl, that they may execute the service of the LORD.

12 And the Le'vites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Le'vites.

13 And thou shalt set the Lē'vites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the

LORD.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Let vites from among the children of Is'ra-el: and the Le'vites shall be mine.

15 And after that shall the Le'vites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for an offering.

16 For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Is'ra-el; instead of such as open every womb, even instead of the firstborn of all the children of Is'rā-ĕl, have I taken them unto me.

17 For all the firstborn of the children of Is'rā-ĕl are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself.

18 And I have taken the Le'vites for all the firstborn of the children of

19 And I have given the Lë'vites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, to do the service of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Îș'rā-ĕl: that there be no plague among the children of Is'ra-el, when the children of Is'rā-ĕl come nigh unto the sanctuary.

20 And Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl did to the Le'vites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Le'vites, so did the children

of Is'ra-ĕl unto them.

21 And the Lë'vites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them as an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 And after that went the Le'vites in to do their service in the tabernacle of 11 And Aaron shall offer the Le'vites the congregation before Aaron, and bebefore the LORD for an offering of the fore his sons; as the LORD had comso did they unto them.

23 C And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saying, 24 This is it that belongeth unto the Le'vites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the service thereof, and shall serve no more:

26 But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Lē'vītes touching their charge.

CHAPTER 9

ND the LORD spake unto Moses in A the wilderness of Si'nai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 Let the children of Iş'rā-el also keep the passover at his appointed season.

3 In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies

thereof, shall ye keep it.

4 And Moses spake unto the children of fire, until the morning.
of Is'rā-ĕl, that they should keep the 16 So it was alway: the cloud covered

passover.

5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Si'nai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Is'rā-ĕl.

6 C And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day.

7 And those men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl?

8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will

command concerning you.

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saving.

10 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. saying, If any man of you or of your journeyed. posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, from even unto the morning, and that

manded Moses concerning the Le'vites, yet he shall keep the passover unto the

11 The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter

herbs. 12 They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the

passover they shall keep it.

13 But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD: according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in

the land.

15 @ And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance

it by day, and the appearance of fire by

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Iş'rā-ĕl journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Iş'rā-ĕl pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Is'ra-ĕl journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Is'ra-ĕl kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

20 And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle: according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they

21 And so it was, when the cloud abode

the cloud was taken up in the morning. then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken the LORD your God.

up, they journeyed.

22 Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Iş'rā-ĕl abode in their tents, and journeved not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in their tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by

the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 10

AND the LORD spake unto Moses. saving

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when they shall blow with them. all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the taber-

nacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow but with one trumbet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Is'ra-el, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go

forward.

6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye

shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets: and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you. then ve shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your gladness. and in your solemn days, and in the

peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am

11 C And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the

testimony. 12 And the children of Is'ra-el took their journeys out of the wilderness of Si'nai: and the cloud rested in the wil-

derness of Pa'ran.

13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the

LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Näh'shon the son of Ammĭn'a-dăb.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Is'sa-char was Ne-than'e-el

the son of Zū'ar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zěb'ū-lun was E-li'ab the

son of Hē'lon. 17 And the tabernacle was taken down: and the sons of Ger'shon and the sons of Mē-rā'rī set forward, bearing the

tabernacle.

18 I And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host was E-li'zur the son of Shed'e-ur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shē-lū'mĭ-ĕl the

son of Zū'rĭ-shăd'daī.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was E-li'a-saph the son of Deū'ěl.

21 And the Ko'hath-ites set forward. bearing the sanctuary: and the other did set up the tabernacle against they came.

22 I And the standard of the camp of the children of E'phra-im set forward according to their armies: and over his host was E-lish'a-mä the son of Ammī'hŭd.

23 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Ma-nas'seh was Ga-ma'li-el

the son of Pē-däh'zŭr.

24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Ab'i-dan the

son of Gid'ē-ō'nī.

25 C And the standard of the camp of beginnings of your months, ye shall the children of Dan set forward, which blow with the trumpets over your burnt was the rearward of all the camps offerings, and over the sacrifices of your throughout their hosts: and over his host was A'hi-e'zer the son of Ammi-shăd'dai.

26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Ash'er was Pa'gi-el the son

of Oc'ran.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Năph'tà-li was A-hi'rà the son of E'nan.

28 Thus were the journeyings of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl according to their armies, when they set forward.

29 C And Moses said unto Ho'bab, the son of Ra-gu'el the Mid'i-an-ite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journey-

ing unto the place of which the LORD said. I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Īs'rā-ĕl.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and

to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we

do unto thee.

33 @ And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for

34 And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the

camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark swarest unto their fathers? set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of

Is'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 11

ND when the people complained, it see my wretchedness. A displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. 2 And the people cried unto Moses;

and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, they may stand there with thee.

the fire was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place Tăb'ē-ràh: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

4 I And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Is'ra-ĕl also wept again, and

said. Who shall give us flesh to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic:

6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, besides this manna,

before our eyes.

7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and the color thereof as the color

of bdellium.

8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 I Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou

13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favor in thy sight; and let me not

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Is'rā-ēl, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that

17 And I will come down and talk with

thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou hear it not thyself alone.

18 And say thou unto the people. Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ve shall eat flesh: for ve have went in the ears of the LORD, saving, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat.

19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor

twenty days;

come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you; because that ye have despised the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole

month.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall

come to pass unto thee or not.

24 C And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about

the tabernacle. 25 And the LORD came down in a cloud. and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not

cease

26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was El'dad, and the name of the other Me' dad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp,

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, El'dad and Mē'

dăd do prophesy in the camp.

28 And Toshua the son of Nun, the forth. servant of Moses, one of his young men.

The seventy elders. The quaits answered and said, My lord Moses, for-

bid them.

29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his Spirit upon them.

30 And Moses gat him into the camp.

he and the elders of Is'ra-ël.

31 I And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side. round about the camp, and as it were 20 But even a whole month, until it two cubits high upon the face of the

> 32 And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp

> 33 And while the flesh was vet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague.

> 34 And he called the name of that place Kib'rŏth-hăt-tā'a-vah: because there they buried the people that lusted. 35 And the people journeyed from Kib'roth-hat-ta'a-vah unto Ha-ze'roth; and abode at Ha-zë'rŏth.

CHAPTER 12

ND Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard

3 (Now the man Moses was very meek. above all the men which were upon the

face of the earth.)

4 And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came

6 And he said, Hear now my words: If

there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

7 My servant Moses is not so, who is

faithful in all mine house.

8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ve not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam *be*came leprous, white as snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

11 And Aaron said unto Moses. Alas. my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

13 And Moses cried unto the LORD. saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech

thee.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but soit in her face. should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

15 And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeved not till Miriam was brought in

again.

16 And afterward the people removed from Hà-ze'roth, and pitched in the wilderness of Pā'răn.

CHAPTER 13

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Ca'naan, which I give unto the children of Is'ra-el: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Pā'rān: all those men were heads of

the children of Is'ra-ël.

4 And these were their names: Of the tribe of Reuben. Sham-mu'a the son of Zăc'cur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shā'phāt the son of Hö'rī.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son

of Jē-phun'něh.

7 Of the tribe of Is'sà-chär, I'găl the son of Joseph. 8 Of the tribe of E'phra-im, O-she'a

the son of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Păl'tî the son of Rā'phū.

10 Of the tribe of Zeb'u-lun. Gad-

dĭ-ĕl the son of Sō'dī.

11 Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Ma-nas'seh, Gad'di the son of Sū'sī.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Am'mi-ĕl the son of Ge-măl'lī.

13 Of the tribe of Ash'er, Se'thur the

son of Mī'chā-ĕl. 14 Of the tribe of Naph'ta-li, Näh'bī

the son of Voph'si. 15 Of the tribe of Gad, Ge-u'el the son

of Mā'chī.

16 These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called O-she'a the son of Nŭn, Jē-hŏsh'ū-a.

17 I And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Ca'naan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities theu be that they dwell in, whether

in tents, or in strongholds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe

21 \ So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rē'hob, as men come to Hā'math.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto He'bron; where A-hi'man, Shē'shaī, and Täl'maī, the children of A'năk, were. (Now He'bron was built seven years before Zō'ăn in Egypt.)

23 And they came unto the brook of Esh'col, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates. and of the figs.

24 The place was called the brook Esh'col, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Iş'rā-ĕl cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from searching

of the land after forty days.

26 ¶ And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, unto the wilderness of Pa'ran, to Ka'desh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and

honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of A'nak there.

29 The Am'à-lek-ites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hit'tites, and the Jĕb'ū-sītes, and the Am'ō-rītes, dwell in the mountains: and the Ca'naan-ites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Tordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to

overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of A'nak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

CHAPTER 14

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the peo-

ple wept that night.

2 And all the children of Is'rā-ĕl murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

The spies report. The people murmur

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into

Egypt.

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl.

6 T And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Je-phun'neh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, The land, which we passed through to search

it, is an exceeding good land.

8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense

is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

11 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses. How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed

among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy

might from among them;)

14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by daytime in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 ¶ Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak,

saying,

16 Because the LORD was not able to

sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my LORD be great, according

as thou hast spoken, saving.

18 The LORD is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the quilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned

according to thy word:

21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the

LORD.

22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice:

23 Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me

see it:

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went: and his seed shall possess it.

25 (Now the Am'a-lek-ites and the Cā'naan-ītes dwelt in the valley.) Tomorrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red

26 T And the LORD spake unto Moses

and unto Aaron, saying,

27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, which they murmur against me.

28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in

mine ears, so will I do to you

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness, and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, the LORD will not be with you. which have murmured against me,

bring this people into the land which he land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Je-phun'neh, and Joshua the son of Nŭn

> 31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prev. them will I bring in. and they shall know the land which ye

have despised.

32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

34 After the number of the days in which ve searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed,

and there they shall die.

36 And the men which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the

plague before the LORD.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Je-phun'neh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Is'ra-el; and the peo-

ple mourned greatly.

40 ¶ And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.

42 Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten be-

fore your enemies.

43 For the Am'a-lek-ites and the Canăan-îtes are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore

44 But they presumed to go up unto 30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the the hilltop; nevertheless the ark of the

parted not out of the camp.

45 Then the Am'a-lek-ites came down. and the Ca'naan-ites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hôr mah.

CHAPTER 15

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and say unto them. When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which

I give unto you,

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savor unto the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock:

4 Then shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD bring a meat offering of a tenth deal of flour, mingled with the

fourth part of a hin of oil.

5 And the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meat offering two tenth deals of flour, mingled with the third part of a hin of oil.

7 And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third part of a hin of wine, for a sweet savor unto the LORD.

8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings

unto the LORD; 9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat offering of three tenth deals of

flour, mingled with half a hin of oil. 10 And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto

the LORD. 11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a

kid. 12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ve do to every one according to their number.

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a

sweet savor unto the LORD.

14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your ignorance. generations, and will offer an offering

covenant of the LORD, and Moses, de- made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do.

15 One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that so-

journeth with you.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses. saving.

18 Speak unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl. and say unto them. When ye come into the land whither I bring you.

19 Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up a heave offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for a heave offering: as ue do the heave offering of the thresh-

ingfloor, so shall ye heave it. 21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD a heave offering in

your generations.

22 ¶ And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments. which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses.

23 Even all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded Moses, and henceforward among your

generations:

24 Then it shall be, if aught be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor unto the LORD, with his meat offering, and his drink offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the

goats for a sin offering.

25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance:

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people were in

27 ¶ And if any soul sin through igno-

rance, then he shall bring a she goat of to be your God: I am the LORD your the first year for a sin offering.

28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and for the stranger that so-

journeth among them.

30 @ But the soul that doeth aught presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall he cut off from among his people.

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off: his iniquity shall be upon him.

32 M And while the children of Is'ra-ël were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and

Aaron, and unto all the congregation. 34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses. The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones

without the camp. 36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

37 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses,

saying,

38 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments, throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

30 And it shall be unto you for a fringe. that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto

your God.

41 I am the Lord your God, which and A-bi'ram, the sons of E-li'ab; which brought you out of the land of Egypt, said, We will not come up:

God.

CHAPTER 16

TOW Kō'rah, the son of Iz'har, the son of Kô'hặth, the son of Levi, and Da'than and A-bi'ram, the sons of E-li'ab, and On, the son of Pe'leth, sons of Reuben, took men:

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Is'ra-el, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of

renown:

3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them. Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

4 And when Moses heard it, he fell

upon his face:

And he spake unto Kō'rah and unto all his company, saying, Even to-morrow the LORD will show who are his. and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

6 This do: Take you censers, Kō'rāh.

and all his company;

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to-morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ue take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi. 8 And Moses said unto Ko'rah, Hear,

I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

9 Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Iş'rā-ĕl hath separated you from the congregation of Iş'rā-ĕl, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

10 And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priest-

hood also?

11 For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Da'than

brought us up out of a land that floweth came out, and stood in the door of their with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

14 Moreover, thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the

eyes of these men? we will not come up. 15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

16 And Moses said unto Kō'rah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to-

morrow:

17 And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ve before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers: thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with

Moses and Aaron.

19 And Ko'rah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses

and unto Aaron, saying,

21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume

them in a moment.

22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation? 23 I And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying.

24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Ko'rah, Da'than, and A-bi'ram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Da'than and A-bi'ram; and the elders of

Is'rā-ĕl followed him.

26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

27 So they gat up from the tabernacle

13 Is it a small thing that thou hast every side: and Da'than and A-hi'ram tents, and their wives, and their sons. and their little children.

> 28 And Moses said, Hereby ve shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done

them of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD

hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that abbertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 I And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder

that was under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth. and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Ko'rah, and all their goods.

33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they

perished from among the congregation.

34 And all Is'ra-el that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.

35 And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

36 I And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saving.

37 Speak unto El'ē-ā'zār the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed.

38 The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD. therefore they are hallowed: and they shall be a sign unto the children of Īs'rā-ĕl.

39 And El'ē-a'zar the priest took the brazen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad plates for a covering of the

40 To be a memorial unto the children of Korah. Da'than, and A-bi'ram, on of Is'ra-el, that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer as Ko'rah, and as his company: as the fathers. LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

41 @ But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Is'ra-el murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saving. Ye have killed the people of the

LORD.

42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared

43 And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation.

44 C And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their

faces.

46 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement

for the people.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. 49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides them that died about the

matter of Ko'rah.

50 And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

CHAPTER 17

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. and take of every one of them a rod of all their princes according to the priesthood. house of their fathers, twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall incense before the LORD; that he be not be for the head of the house of their

> 4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with

5 And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, whereby they murmur against you.

6 I And Moses spake unto the children of Is'ra-el, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of wit-

ness.

8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Iş'rā-ĕl: and they looked, and

took every man his rod.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses. Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die

11 And Moses did so: as the LORD

commanded him, so did he.

12 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.

13 Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?

CHAPTER 18

▲ND the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with according to the house of their fathers, thee shall bear the iniquity of your

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto 3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name thee, and minister unto thee: but thou before the tabernacle of witness.

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

4 And they shall be joined unto thee and keep the charge of the tabernacle of

the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not

come nigh unto you.
5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Is'ra-ĕl.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Lë'vites from among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl: to you they are given as a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the con-

gregation.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the veil: and ve shall serve: I have given your priest's office unto you as a service as the wave breast and as the right of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 III And the LORD spake unto Aaron. Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an

ordinance for ever.

9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every meat offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons.

10 In the most holy place shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be

holy unto thee.

11 And this is thine: the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Is'rā-ĕl: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.

12 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.

13 And whatsoever is first ripe in the Is'rā-ĕl, which they offer as a heave

and thy sons with thee shall minister land, which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat of it.

14 Every thing devoted in Iş'rā-ĕl shall

be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, whether it be of men or beasts. shall be thine: nevertheless the first. the congregation, for all the service of born of man shalt thou surely redeem and the firstling of unclean beasts shalf thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem. according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty

gë'rahs.

17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine

shoulder are thine.

19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Is'ra-el offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee.

20 T And the LORD spake unto Aaron. Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of

Iş'rā-ĕl.

21 And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Iş'rā-ĕl for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither must the children of Isrā-ĕl henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear

sin, and die.

23 But the Le'vites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Is'ra-el they have no inheritance. 24 But the tithes of the children of offering unto the LORD, I have given to of her blood directly before the taberthe Le vites to inherit: therefore I have nacle of the congregation seven times. said unto them, Among the children of

saving.

say unto them, When ye take of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up a heave offering of it for the LORD, even a tenth part of the tithe.

27 And this your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshingfloor, and as

the fulness of the winepress.

28 Thus ye also shall offer a heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Is'ra-ĕl; and ye shall give thereof the LORD's heave offering to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the hest thereof, even the hallowed part

thereof out of it.

30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When we have heaved the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Le'vites as the increase of the threshingfloor, and as the increase of the winepress.

31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle

of the congregation.

32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Is'ra-el, lest ye die.

CHAPTER 19

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Is'ra-el, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came voke.

3 And ye shall give her unto Ēl'ē-ā'zār the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her

before his face:

her blood with his finger, and sprinkle shall be put thereto in a vessel:

5 And one shall burn the heifer in his Is'rā-ĕl they shall have no inheritance. sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her 25 C And the LORD spake unto Moses, blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, 26 Thus speak unto the Le'vites, and and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the

even.

9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among

them, for a statute for ever.

11 I He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day

he shall not be clean.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Iş'rā-ĕl: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is vet upon him.

14 This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean

seven days.

15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean. 16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of 4 And El'ē-ā'zar the priest shall take of purification for sin, and running water

18 And a clean person shall take hys- and they fell upon their faces; and the son, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle glory of the LORD appeared unto them. it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a grave:

19 And the clean berson shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water,

and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean. and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon this rock? him: he is unclean.

unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until

even.

22 And whatsoever the unclean berson toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until even.

CHAPTER 20

HEN came the children of Is'ra-el. even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month; and the people abode in Kā'desh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation; and they gathered themselves together against Moses and

against Aaron.

3 And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die

there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto neither is there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

7 I And the LORD spake unto Moses

saying,

8 Take the rod, and gather thou the bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock hefore their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to on the seventh day; and on the seventh them water out of the rock; so thou shall give the congregation and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock. and he said unto them, Hear now, ve rebels; must we fetch you water out of

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and 21 And it shall be a perpetual statute with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts

also.

12 C And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not. to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, therefore ve shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 This is the water of Měr'i-bäh; because the children of Is'rā-ĕl strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified

in them.

14 C And Moses sent messengers from Kā'desh unto the king of E'dom, Thus saith thy brother Is'ra-el. Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us:

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians vexed us,

and our fathers:

16 And when we cried unto the LORD. he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Ka'desh, a city in

the uttermost of thy border.

17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's high way, we this evil place? it is no place of seed, or will not turn to the right hand nor to the of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; left, until we have passed thy borders.

18 And E'dom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out

against thee with the sword. 19 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl said The death of Aaron. The fiery serpents

unto him. We will go by the high wav: and if I and my cattle drink of thy water. then I will pay for it: I will only, without doing any thing else, go through on my feet.

20 And he said. Thou shalt not go through. And E'dom came out against him with much people, and with a strong

hand.

21 Thus E'dom refused to give Is'rā-ĕl passage through his border: wherefore Is'rā-ĕl turned away from him.

22 T And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, even the whole congregation, journeyed from Kā'děsh, and came unto mount Hôr.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hôr, by the coast

of the land of E'dom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Merĭ-bäh.

25 Take Aaron and El'e-a'zar his son. and bring them up unto mount Hôr:

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon El'ē-ā'zar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hôr in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Ěl'ē-ā'zar his son: and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and El'ē-ā'zar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of

Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 21

ND when king A'rad the Ca'naan-1 ite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Iş'rā-ĕl came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Is'rā-ĕl, and took some of them prisoners.

2 And Iş'rā-ĕl vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed de-

utterly destroy their cities.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Iş'rā-ĕl, and delivered up the Cānăan-îtes; and they utterly destroved them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hôr mah.

4 M And they journeyed from mount Hôr by the way of the Red sea, to com-pass the land of E'dom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged be-

cause of the way.

5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Is'ra-ĕl died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he

looketh upon it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

10 ¶ And the children of Is'rā-ĕl set

forward, and pitched in O'both.

11 And they journeyed from O'both, and pitched at I'jē-āb'a-rīm, in the wilderness which is before Mo'ab, toward the sunrising.

12 I From thence they removed, and

pitched in the valley of Zā'rĕd.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Ar'non. which is in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Am'o-rites: for Är'non is the border of Mo'ab, between Mô'ăb and the Ăm'ō-rites.

14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Ar'non, 15 And at the stream of the brooks that roeth down to the dwelling of Ar. and

lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 And from thence they went to Bē'ēr: liver this people into my hand, then I will that is the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people to-gether, and I will give them water. 17 ¶ Then Iş'rā-ĕl sang this song,

Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:

18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the

direction of the lawgiver, with their and they took the villages thereof, and

19 And from Măt'tâ-nâh to Nâ-hā! li-ĕl: and from Na-hā'li-ĕl to Bā'mŏth: 20 And from Ba'moth in the valley, that is in the country of Mo'ab, to the top of Piş'gah, which looketh toward Je-shī'mŏn.

21 ¶ And Is'rā-ĕl sent messengers unto Sī'hon king of the Am'o-rites,

saying,

22 Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: but we will go along by the king's high way, until we be past thy borders.

23 And Si'hon would not suffer İş'rā-ĕl to pass through his border: but Si'hon gathered all his people together, and went out against Iş'rā-ĕl into the wilderness: and he came to Ja'haz, and fought

against İş'gā-ĕl.

24 And Iş'rā-ĕl smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Ar'non unto Jab'bok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was strong.

25 And Iş'rā-ĕl took all these cities: and Is'ra-el dwelt in all the cities of the Am'o-rites, in Hesh'bon, and in all the

villages thereof.

26 For Hěsh'bŏn was the city of Sī'hŏn the king of the Am'o-rites, who had fought against the former king of Mo'ab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Ar'non.

27 Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Hěsh'bon, let the city of Si'hon be built and prepared:

28 For there is a fire gone out of Hesh! bon, a flame from the city of Si'hon: it hath consumed Ar of Mo'ab, and the lords of the high places of Ar'non.

daughters, into captivity unto Si'hon cursed. king of the Am'o-rites.

30 We have shot at them; Hesh'bon is perished even unto Dī'bŏn, and we have laid them waste even unto Nö'phah, which reacheth unto Měďě-bà.

31 ¶ Thus Iş'rā-ĕl dwelt in the land of

the Am'o-rites.

staves. And from the wilderness they drove out the Am'o-rites that were there,

33 ¶ And they turned and went up by the way of Ba'shan; and Og the king of Bā'shān went out against them. he, and all his people, to the battle at Ed'rē-ī.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses. Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Si'hon king of the Am'o-rites. which dwelt at Hesh bon.

35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

CHAPTER 22

ND the children of Is'ra-el set for-A ward, and pitched in the plains of Mō'āb on this side Jordan by Jer'i-chō. 2 T And Bā'lāk the son of Žip'por saw all that Iş'rā-ĕl had done to the Am'orîtes.

3 And Mō'āb was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Mo ab was distressed because of the

children of Is'rā-ĕl.

4 And Mô'ab said unto the elders of Mid'i-an, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Bā'lāk the son of Zip'por was king of the Mô'ăb-îtes at that time.

5 He sent messengers therefore unto Bā'laam the son of Bē'or to Pē'thor. which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that 29 Woe to thee, Mo'ab! thou art un- I may drive them out of the land: for I done, O people of Che'mosh: he hath wot that he whom thou blessest is given his sons that escaped, and his blessed, and he whom thou cursest is

7 And the elders of Mô'āb and the elders of Mid'i-an departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Bā'laam, and spake

unto him the words of Ba'lak.

8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word 32 And Moses sent to spy out Ja'à-zer, again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: Bā'laam.

9 And God came unto Bā'laam, and said. What men are these with thee?

10 And Bā'laam said unto God, Bā'lāk the son of Zip'por, king of Mo'ab, hath sent unto me, saying,

11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome

them, and drive them out.

12 And God said unto Bā'laam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. 13 And Ba'laam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Ba'lak. Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with

14 And the princes of Mo'ab rose up. and they went unto Ba'lak, and said. Bā'laam refuseth to come with us.

15 ¶ And Bä'läk sent yet again princes, more, and more honorable than thev.

16 And they came to Ba'laam, and said to him, Thus saith Ba'lak the son of Ziopor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

17 For I will promote thee unto very great honor, and I will do whatsoever thou savest unto me: come therefore. I pray thee, curse me this people.

18 And Ba'laam answered and said unto the servants of Bā'lāk, If Bā'lāk would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

20 And God came unto Bā'laam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

21 And Ba'laam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with

the princes of Mo'ab.

22 T And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with

23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned unto a city of Mo'ab, which is in the

and the princes of Mo'ab abode with aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Ba'laam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

> 24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on

> this side, and a wall on that side. 25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Ba'laam's foot against

> the wall: and he smote her again. 26 And the angel of the LORD went

> further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Bā'laam: and Bā'laam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Bā'laam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

29 And Bā'laam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for

now would I kill thee.

30 And the ass said unto Ba'laam. Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Ba'laam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him. Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:

33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

34 And Bā'laam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Bā'laam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Bā'laam went with the princes of Ba'lak.

36 ¶ And when Bā'lāk heard that Bā' läam was come, he went out to meet him

Balak meeteth Balaam and sacrificeth

border of Ar'non, which is in the utmost coast.

37 And Bā'lāk said unto Bā'laam. Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honor?

38 And Bā'laam said unto Bā'lak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

39 And Bā'laam went with Bā'lāk, and they came unto Kîr'jăth-hū'zŏth.

40 And Ba'lak offered oxen and sheep. and sent to Ba'laam, and to the princes

that were with him.

41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Bā'lāk took Bā'laam, and brought him up into the high places of Bā'āl, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

CHAPTER 23

ND Bā'laam said unto Bā'lak, Build And here seven alters, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

2 And Bā'lāk did as Bā'laam had spoken: and Bā'lāk and Bā'laam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Bā'laam said unto Bā'lāk, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me; and whatsoever he showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to a high place.

4 And God met Bā'laam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a

bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a word in Bar laam's mouth, and said, Return unto Bā'lāk, and thus thou shalt speak.

6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and

all the princes of Mo'ab.

7 And he took up his parable, and said Bā'lāk the king of Mo'ab hath brought me from A'ram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Iş'rā-el.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom

the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. great lion, and lift up himself as a young

10 Who can count the dust of Tacob. and the number of the fourth part of Is'rā-ĕl? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

11 And Bā'lăk said unto Bā'laam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the

LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Ba'lak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place. from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.

14 ¶ And he brought him into the field of Zō'phim, to the top of Piş'gah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

15 And he said unto Bā'lāk, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet the

LORD vonder.

16 And the LORD met Bā'laam. and put a word in his mouth, and said. Go

again unto Bā'lăk, and say thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Mo'ab with him. And Ba'lak said unto him. What hath the LORD spoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Bā'lāk, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zīp'pŏr:

19 God is not a man, that he should lie: neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed: and

I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Is'ra-ël: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them.

22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of a unicorn.

23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Is'ra-el: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Iş'rā-ĕl, What hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a

lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

25 ¶ And Bā'lāk said unto Bā'laam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless

them at all.

26 But Bā'lāam answered and said unto Bā'lāk, Told not I thee, saying, All that the Lord speaketh, that I must do? 27 ¶ And Bā'lāk said unto Bā'lāam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence.

28 And Bā'lāk brought Bā'laam unto

Të-shi'mon.

29 And Bā'laam said unto Bā'lāk, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.

30 And Bā'lāk did as Bā'lāam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on

every altar.

CHAPTER 24

AND when Bā'laam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Iş'rā-ĕi, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Bā'laam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Iş'rā-ĕl abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the Spirit of

God came upon him.

3 And he took up his parable, and said, Ba'laam the son of Be'or hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob,

and thy tabernacles, O Is'ra-el!

6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lignaloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.

7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than A'gag, and his kingdom shall be

exalted.

8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of a unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

10 ¶ And Bā'lāk's anger was kindled against Bā'lām, and he smote his hands together: and Bā'lāk said unto Bā'lām, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed

them these three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honor; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honor.

12 And Bā'laam said unto Bā'lak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saving,

13 If Bā'lāk would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lorn, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the Lord saith, that will I speak?

14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy

people in the latter days.

15 ¶ And he took up his parable, and said, Bā'laam the son of Bē'or hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the Most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but hav-

ing his eyes open:

17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Is rā-ĕl, and shall smite the corners of Mo ab, and destroy all the children of Shĕth.

18 And E'dom shall be a possession, Se'ir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Is'rā-ël shall do valiantly. 19 Out of Jacob shall come he that

shall have dominion, and shall destroy

him that remaineth of the city.

20 ¶ And when he looked on Åm'å-lěk, he took up his parable, and said, Åm'å-lěk was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.

21 And he looked on the Ke'nītes, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

22 Nevertheless the Ke'nite shall be

The people bow to Moabite gods. Phinehas

wasted, until Assh'ur shall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable, and said. Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

24 And ships shall come from the coast of Chit'tim, and shall afflict Assh'ur, and shall afflict E'ber, and he also shall perish for ever.

25 And Bā'laam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Ba'lak also went his way.

CHAPTER 25

AND İş'rā-ĕl abode in Shĭt'tĭm, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Mo'ab.

2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And Is'rā-ĕl joined himself unto Bā'āl-pē'ŏr: and the anger of the LORD

was kindled against Is'rā-ĕl.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Is'ra-el.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Īş'rā-ĕl, Slay ye every one his men that

were joined unto Bā'āl-pē'or.

6 And, behold, one of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl came and brought unto his brethren a Mid'i-ăn-īt'ish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Is'ra-el, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And when Phin'e-has, the son of El'ē-ā'zar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his

hand;

8 And he went after the man of Is'rā-ĕl into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Iş'rā-ĕl, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was staved from the children of Is'rā-ĕl. 9 And those that died in the plague

were twenty and four thousand. 10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saving.

11 Phin'ē-has, the son of El'ē-a'zar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Īṣ'rā-ĕl, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Is'rā-ĕl in my jealousy.

12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unta

him my covenant of peace:

13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an ever. lasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atone. ment for the children of Is'ra-el.

14 Now the name of the Is'ra-ël-ite that was slain, even that was slain with the Mid'i-an-it'ish woman, was Zim'ri. the son of Sa'lū, a prince of a chief house among the Sim'e-on-ites.

15 And the name of the Mid'i-an-it ish woman that was slain was Coz'bi, the daughter of Zûr; he was head over a people, and of a chief house in Mid'i-an 16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses.

saying, 17 Vex the Mid'i-an-ites, and smite

them: 18 For they vex you with their wiles. wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Pe'or, and in the matter of Coz'bi, the daughter of a prince of Mid'i-an, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Pē'or's sake.

CHAPTER 26

ND it came to pass after the plague. that the LORD spake unto Moses and unto El'e-a'zar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Iş'rā-ĕl.

3 And Moses and El'e-a'zar the priest spake with them in the plains of Mo'ab by Jordan near Jer'i-cho, saying,

4 Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Ĭş'rā-ĕl, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 ¶ Reuben, the eldest son of Is'rā-ël: the children of Reuben; Hā'nŏch, of whom cometh the family of the Hanoeh-ites: of Pal'lu, the family of the Păl'lū-ītes:

6 Of Hĕz'rŏn, the family of the Hĕz' ron-ites: of Car'mi, the family of the

Carmites. 7 These are the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty.

8 And the sons of Păl'lū; E-li'ăb.

9 And the sons of E-li'ab; Nem'ū-el, and Dā'than, and A-bi'ram. This is that Dā'than and A-bī'ram, which were famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the against the LORD:

10 And the earth opened her mouth. and swallowed them up together with Kō'rah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign.

11 Notwithstanding the children of

Kō'rah died not.

12 The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nem'u-el, the family of the Nëm'ū-ël-îtes: of Jā'min, the family of the Ja'min-ites: of Ja'chin, the family of the Ja'chin-ites:

13 Of Zē'rah, the family of the Zar' hites: of Shā'ŭl, the family of the

Shā'ŭl-ītes.

14 These are the families of the Sim'ēon-ites, twenty and two thousand and

two hundred.

15 I The children of Gad after their families: of Ze'phon, the family of the Ze'phon-ites: of Hag'gi, the family of the Hag'gites: of Shu'ni, the family of the Shu'nites:

of E'rī, the family of the E'rītes:
17 Of Ā'rŏd, the family of the Ā'rŏd-

ītes: of A-rē'lī, the family of the A-rē' lites.

18 These are the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19 The sons of Judah were Er and O'năn: and Er and O'năn died in the

land of Ca'naan.

20 And the sons of Judah after their families were; of Shē'lah, the family of the She'lan-ites: of Pha'rez, the family of the Phär'zītes: of Zē'rāh, the family of the Zär'hites.

21 And the sons of Phā'rēz were; of Hez'ron, the family of the Hez'ron-ites: of Hā'mul, the family of the Hā'

mŭl-ītes.

22 These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

To'la-ites: of Pu'a, the family of the

Pū'nītes: 24 Of Ja'shub, the family of the Ja-

shub-ites: of Shim'ron, the family of the

Shim'ron-ites.

25 These are the families of Is'sa-char company of Ko'rah, when they strove according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

their families: of Se'red, the family of the Sardites: of E'lon, the family of the E'lon-ites: of Jäh'le-el, the family of the Jäh'le-ĕl-ites.

27 These are the families of the Zeb'ūlun-ites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand

and five hundred.

28 II The sons of Toseph after their families were Ma-nas'seh and E'phra-im. 29 Of the sons of Ma-nas'seh: of Mā'chir, the family of the Mā'chir-îtes: and Mā'chir begat Gil'ē-ad: of Gil'ē-ad come the family of the Gil'ē-ad-ites.

30 These are the sons of Gil'e-ad: of Jē-ē'zēr, the family of the Jē-ē'zēr-ītes: of He'lek, the family of the He'lek-ites: 31 And of As'ri-ĕl, the family of the As'rī-ĕl-ītes: and of Shē'chēm, the family of the Shē'chem-ītes:

32 And of Shē-mī'da, the family of the 16 Of Oz'nī, the family of the Oz'nītes: Shē-mī'da-ītes: and of Hē'phēr, the family of the He'pher-ites.

33 T And Zē-lō'phē-had the son of He'pher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelo'phē-had were Mäh'lah, and Noah, Hog'lah, Mil'cah, and Tir'zah.

34 These are the families of Manăs'sĕh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and

seven hundred.

35 ¶ These are the sons of E'phrā-īm after their families: of Shu-the lah, the family of the Shu-thal'hites: of Be'cher, the family of the Bach'rites: of Ta'han. the family of the Ta'han-ites.

36 And these are the sons of Shuthe lah: of Eran, the family of the

Ē'rān-ītes.

37 These are the families of the sons of E-phra'im according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph after their families.

38 The sons of Benjamin after their 23 ¶ Of the sons of Is'sa-char after families; of Bē'la, the family of the Bē' their families; of Tō'la, the family of the la-ites; of Ash'bĕl, the family of the

The numbers of the children of Israel

the A-hī'răm-ītes:

39 Of Shu'phăm, the family of the Shu' pham-ites: of Hu'pham, the family of

the Hū'phăm-ites.

40 And the sons of Be'la were Ard and Nā'à-măn: of Ard, the family of the Ar'dites: and of Na'a-man, the family of the Na'a-mites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thou-

sand and six hundred.

42 These are the sons of Dan after their families: of Shu'ham, the family of the Shu'ham-îtes. These are the families of Dan after their families.

43 All the families of the Shu'ham-ites, according to those that were numbered of them, were threescore and four thou-

sand and four hundred.

44 ¶ Of the children of Ash'er after their families: of Jim'na, the family of the Jim'nites: of Jes'ū-i, the family of the Jes'ū-ites: of Be-rī'ah, the family of the Be-ri'ites.

45 Of the sons of Be-rī'ah: of He'ber the family of the He'ber-ites: of Malchi-el, the family of the Mal'chi-el-ites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Ash'er was Sarah.

47 These are the families of the sons of Ash'er according to those that were numbered of them; who were fifty and three thousand and four hundred

48 ¶ Of the sons of Năph'tà-li after their families: of Jäh'zē-ĕl, the family of the Jäh'zē-ĕl-ītes: of Gū'nī, the family of the Gu'nites:

49 Of Je'zer, the family of the Je'zerites: of Shil'lem, the family of the

Shil'lem-ites.

50 These are the families of Naph'ta-li according to their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 These were the numbered of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and

thirty

52 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saving.

53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

inheritance, and to few thou shalt give

Ash'běl-ītes: of A-hī'răm, the family of his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him.

55 Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.

56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided between

many and few.

57 I And these are they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Ger'shon, the family of the Ger'shon-ites: of Ko'hath, the family of the Ko'hath-ites: of Me-ra'ri, the family of the Me-ra'rites.

58 These are the families of the Let vites: the family of the Lib'nites, the family of the He'bron-ites, the family of the Mäh'lites, the family of the Mu shites, the family of the Ko'rath-ites.

And Kō'hǎth begat Am'rǎm.

59 And the name of Am'ram's wife was Josh'ē-bed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Am'ram, Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

60 And unto Aaron was born Na'dab and A-bi'hū, Ĕl'ē-ā'zar and Ĭth'a-mär. 61 And Na'dab and A-bi'hū died, when they offered strange fire before the

LORD. 62 And those that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand. all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, because there was no inheritance given them among the

children of Is'rā-ĕl.

63 ¶ These are they that were numbered by Moses and El'ē-ā'zar the priest, who numbered the children of Is'rā-ĕl in the plains of Mö'ab by Jordan near Jĕr'ĭ-chō.

64 But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Is'ra-el in the wil-

derness of Si'naī.

65 For the LORD had said of them. They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jē-phun'něh, and Toshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 27

54 To many thou shalt give the more THEN came the daughters of Zē-lō' nheritance, and to few thou shalt give T phē-hād, the son of Hē'phēr, the the less inheritance: to every one shall son of Gil'e-ad, the son of Ma'chir, the son of Ma-nas'seh, of the families of at the water before their eyes: that is the Ma-nas'seh the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters; Mäh' wilderness of Zin. lah, Noah, and Hog'lah, and Mil'cah. and Tīr'zah.

2 And they stood before Moses, and before El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by gregation, the door of the tabernacle of the congre-

gation, saying,

3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Kō'rāh; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the breth-

ren of our father.

5 And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

6 C And the LORD spake unto Moses.

7 The daughters of Zē-lō'phē-hǎd speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter. 9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his

brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his

father's brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren. then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Is'ra-ël a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 I And the Lorp said unto Moses. Get thee up into this mount Ab'a-rim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl.

also shalt be gathered unto thy people, for a continual burnt offering. as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

mandment in the desert of Zin, in the offer at even;

water of Mer'i-bah in Ka'desh in the

15 ¶ And Moses spake unto the LORD,

saying, 16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits

of all flesh, set a man over the con-

17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

18 I And the LORD said unto Moses. Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand

upon him;

19 And set him before El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And thou shalt put some of thine honor upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl may be

obedient.

21 And he shall stand before Ĕl'ē-ā'zār the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of U'rim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Is'rā-ĕl with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and

before all the congregation:

23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 28

AND the LORD spake unto Moses,

. saying,

2 Command the children of Is'ra-el, and say unto them, My offering, and my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, for a sweet savor unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due

3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of 13 And when thou hast seen it, thou the first year without spot day by day,

4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the 14 For ye rebelled against my com- morning, and the other lamb shalt thou

strife of the congregation, to sanctify me 5 And a tenth part of an e'phah of flour

for a meat offering, mingled with the by fire for a burnt offering unto the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil.

6 It is a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in mount Si'nai for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And the drink offering thereof shall be the fourth part of a hin for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the

LORD for a drink offering.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat offering of the morning, and as the drink offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

9 (And on the sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof:

10 This is the burnt offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

11 ¶ And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot:

12 And three tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one

ram:

13 And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oil for a meat offering unto one lamb; for a burnt offering of a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

14 And their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of a hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of a hin unto a lamb: this is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering unto the LORD shall be offered, beside the continual burnt offering, and

his drink offering.

16 And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD. 17 And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall un-

leavened bread be eaten.

18 In the first day shall be a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work therein:

19 But ve shall offer a sacrifice made

LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish.

20 And their meat offering shall be at flour mingled with oil: three tenth deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two

tenth deals for a ram:

21 A several tenth deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the seven lambs:

22 And one goat for a sin offering in make an atonement for you.

23 Ye shall offer these beside the burnt offering in the morning, which is for a

continual burnt offering.

24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

25 And on the seventh day ve shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile

work.

26 ¶ Also in the day of the firstfruits. when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ve shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

27 But ye shall offer the burnt offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs

of the first year;

28 And their meat offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto one bullock, two tenth deals unto one

29 A several tenth deal unto one lamb. throughout the seven lambs:

30 And one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.

31 Ye shall offer them beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, (they shall be unto you without blemish.) and their drink offerings.

CHAPTER 29

ND in the seventh month, on the first $oldsymbol{A}$ day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

2 And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

3 And their meat offering shall be of

flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram.

4 And one tenth deal for one lamb.

throughout the seven lambs:

5 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering, to make an atonement for you: 6 Beside the burnt offering of the month, and his meat offering, and the

daily burnt offering, and his meat offering, and their drink offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD. 7 (And ye shall have on the tenth day

of this seventh month a holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye

shall not do any work therein: 8 But ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD for a sweet savor; one

young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish.

9 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals to a bullock, and two tenth deals to one

10 A several tenth deal for one lamb. throughout the seven lambs:

11 One kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering of it, and their drink offerings.

12 (And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ve shall keep a feast unto the LORD

seven days:

13 And ye shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish:

14 And their meat offering shall be of flour mingled with oil, three tenth deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a several tenth deal to each

lamb of the fourteen lambs:

16 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

17 I And on the second day ue shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without rams, and for the lambs, shall be accord-

spot:

18 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

19 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meat offering thereof,

and their drink offerings.

20 I And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the

first year without blemish:

21 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

22 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering.

23 4 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

24 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

25 And one kid of the goats for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink

offering.

26 ¶ And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of

the first year without spot:

27 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

28 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering. 29 C And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of

the first year without blemish:

30 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the manner:

31 And one goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, his meat offering, and his drink offering.

32 C And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

33 And their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the ing to their number, after the manner: side the continual burnt offering, his bonds wherewith she bound her soul meat offering, and his drink offering,

35 ¶ On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ve shall do no ser-

vile work therein:

36 But ve shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

37 Their meat offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to

their number, after the manner: 38 And one goat for a sin offering; be-

side the continual burnt offering, and his meat offering, and his drink offering. 39 These things ve shall do unto the LORD in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meat offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.

40 And Moses told the children of Is'ra-ël according to all that the LORD

commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 30

AND Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Is'rā-ĕl, saying, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded. 2 If a man yow a yow unto the LORD.

or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

3 If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand. and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth, not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand; and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she had at all a husband, when she vowed, or uttered aught out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard of Mid'i-an.

34 And one goat for a sin offering; be- it: then her vows shall stand, and her shall stand.

> 8 But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it, then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her line. wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

> 9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against

10 And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with

an oath:

11 And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard them; then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day: then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them.

15 But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard them; then

he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter, being uet in her youth in her father's house.

CHAPTER 31

ND the LORD spake unto Moses. A saying,

2 Avenge the children of Is'ra-el of the Mid'i-an-ites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saving. Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Mid'i-an-ites, and avenge the LORD

4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughsend to the war.

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Iş'rā-ĕl, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phin'ē-has the son of El'ē-a'zar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his

7 And they warred against the Mid'ian-ites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.

8 And they slew the kings of Mid'i-an, heside the rest of them that were slain namely, É'vi, and Rê'kěm, and Zûr, and Hûr, and Re'ba, five kings of Mid'i-an: Bā'laam also the son of Bē'or they slew with the sword.

9 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl took all the women of Mid'i-an captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of make go through the water. all their cattle, and all their flocks, and

all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of men and of beasts.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses and El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Iş'rā-el, unto the camp at the plains of Mo'ab, which are by Jordan near Jer'i-cho.

13 ¶ And Moses, and El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without

the camp.

14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle.

15 And Moses said unto them. Have ye saved all the women alive?

16 Behold, these caused the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, through the counsel of Bā' laam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Pë'or, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying

with him.

18 But all the women children, that out all the tribes of Iş'rā-ĕl, shall ye have not known a man by lying with

him, keep alive for yourselves. 19 And do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any

person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify both yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on

the seventh day.

20 And purify all your raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood.

21 T And El'ē-ā'zar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses:

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead

23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall

24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ve shall come into the camp

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses. saving

26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, thou, and El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation:

27 And divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and be-

tween all the congregation.

28 And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep:

29 Take it of their half, and give it unto El'ē-ā'zar the priest, for a heave offering

of the LORD.

30 And of the children of Is'rā-ĕl's half. thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses. and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Le'vites, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.

31 And Moses and El'e-a'zar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 And the booty, being the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught,

was six hundred thousand and seventy bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets. thousand and five thousand sheep.

33 And threescore and twelve thousand fore the LORD.

34 And threescore and one thousand took the gold of them, even all wrought

35 And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known

man by lying with him.

36 And the half, which was the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep:

37 And the LORD's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and

fifteen.

thousand; of which the LORD's tribute ra-el before the LORD. was threescore and twelve.

39 And the asses were thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the LORD's tribute was threescore and one.

sand; of which the LORD's tribute was

thirty and two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute, which was the LORD's heave offering, unto El'ë-a'zar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

42 And of the children of Is'rā-ĕl's half. which Moses divided from the men that

warred.

43 (Now the half that pertained unto the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven Be'on. thousand and five hundred sheep,

44 And thirty and six thousand beeves. 45 And thirty thousand asses and five

hundred.

46 And sixteen thousand persons.)

47 Even of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them and bring us not over Jordan. unto the Le'vites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the of Gad and to the children of Reuben, LORD commanded Moses.

48 I And the officers which were over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds,

came near unto Moses:

49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which are under our charge, and them from Ka'desh-bar'ne-a to see the there lacketh not one man of us.

50 We have therefore brought an obla-

to make an atonement for our souls be-

51 And Moses and El'ē-ā'zar the priest

52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the cap. tains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

53 (For the men of war had taken spoil.

every man for himself.)

54 And Moses and El'ē-ā'zar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation. 38 And the beeves were thirty and six for a memorial for the children of is:

CHAPTER 32

NOW the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great 40 And the persons were sixteen thou-multitude of cattle; and when they saw the land of Ja'zer, and the land of Gil'e-ad, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle:

> 2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation.

saying,

3 Åt'a-röth, and Dī'bon, and Jā'zēr, and Nim'rah, and Hěsh'bon, and El'ēā'lĕh, and Shē'bām, and Nē'bō, and

4 Even the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Isrā-ĕl, is a land for cattle, and thy serv-

ants have cattle:

5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession.

6 C And Moses said unto the children Shall your brethren go to war, and shall

ve sit here?

7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent

land.

9 For when they went up unto the valtion for the LORD, what every man hath ley of Esh'col, and saw the land, they gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and discouraged the heart of the children of

Is'rā-ĕl, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

the same time, and he sware, saying,

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:

12 Save Caleb the son of Je-phun'neh the Kë'nëz-îte, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the

LORD.

13 And the LORD's anger was kindled against Is'rā-ĕl, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in Iş'rā-ĕl: the sight of the LORD, was consumed.

14 And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the Lord toward Is'ra-el.

15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

16 C And they came near unto him, and said. We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little

ones:

17 But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Is'ra-el. until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities, because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Is'ra-el have inherited every man his inheritance:

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

20 ¶ And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed be-

fore the LORD to war,

21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him.

LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Is'rā-ĕl; and this land shall be tha'im, your possession before the LORD.

sure your sin will find you out.

24 Build you cities for your little ones. and folds for your sheep; and do that 10 And the LORD's anger was kindled which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses. saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there

in the cities of Gil'e-ad:

27 But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.

28 So concerning them Moses commanded El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of

29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gil'e-ad for a possession:

30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Ca'naan.

31 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saving, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

32 We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Ca'naan, that the possession of our inheritance on this

side Jordan may be ours.

33 And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Ma-nas'seh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Si'hon king of the Am'orites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bā'shan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts, even the cities of the country round about.

34 ¶ And the children of Gad built Dī'bŏn, and Åt'à-rŏth, and Å-rō'ēr,

35 And At'roth, Sho'phan, and Ja'a-

zēr, and Jŏg-bē'häh,

36 And Beth'-nim'rah, and Beth'-ha-22 And the land be subdued before the ran, fenced cities; and folds for sheep.

ORD: then afterward ye shall return, 37 And the children of Reuben built Hěsh'bon, and El'ē-ā'lěh, and Kīr'jà-

38 And Ne'bō, and Bā'ăl-mē'ŏn, (their 23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye names being changed,) and Shib mah: have sinned against the LORD; and be and gave other names unto the cities

which they builded.

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39 And the children of Ma'chir the son sea, and encamped in the wilderness of of Ma-nas'seh went to Gil'e-ad, and took it, and dispossessed the Am'o-rite which was in it.

40 And Moses gave Gil'ē-ăd unto Māchĭr the son of Mā-năs'sĕh; and he dwelt

therein.

41 And Jā'īr the son of Mā-nās'sĕh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them Ha'voth-ja'ir.

42 And No'bah went and took Ke'nath. and the villages thereof, and called it No'bah, after his own name.

CHAPTER 33

THESE are the journeys of the children of Iş'rā-el, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and

2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these are their journeys according to their goings

3 And they departed from Răm'ē-sēs in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Iş'rā-ĕl went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4 For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the

LORD executed judgments.

5 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl removed from Răm'ē-sēş, and pitched in Suc-

6 And they departed from Suc'coth. and pitched in E'tham, which is in the

edge of the wilderness.

7 And they removed from E'tham, and turned again unto Pi'-hà-hi'rŏth, which is before Bā'āl-zē'phon; and they

pitched before Mig'dol.

8 And they departed from before Pi'ha-hī'rŏth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of E'thăm, and pitched in Mā'rah.

9 And they removed from Ma'rah, and came unto E'lim: and in E'lim were twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm trees; and they pitched there.

10 And they removed from E'lim, and

encamped by the Red sea.

11 And they removed from the Red Zin, which is Kā'desh.

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12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Döph'kah.

13 And they departed from Doph'kah

and encamped in A'lush.

14 And they removed from A'lush, and encamped at Reph'i-dim, where was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from Reph'i-dim. and pitched in the wilderness of Si'nai 16 And they removed from the desert of Sī'naī, and pitched at Kīb'roth-hat.

tā'a-vah

17 And they departed from Kib'rothhat-ta'a-vah, and encamped at Ha-

18 And they departed from Ha-ze rŏth, and pitched in Rith'mah.

19 And they departed from Rith mah. and pitched at Rim'mon-pā'rez.

20 And they departed from Rim'mon-

pā'rěz, and pitched in Lib'nah. 21 And they removed from Lib'nah, and pitched at Ris'sah.

22 And they journeyed from Ris'sah, and pitched in Ke'he-la'thah.

23 And they went from Ke'he-la'thah, and pitched in mount Sha'pher. 24 And they removed from mount

Shā'phēr, and encamped in Hà-rā'dàh 25 And they removed from Ha-ra'dah,

and pitched in Mak-he'loth. 26 And they removed from Mak-he

löth, and encamped at Tā'hāth. 27 And they departed from Ta'hath, and pitched at Tā⁷ráh.

28 And they removed from Ta'rah, and pitched in Mith'cah.

29 And they went from Mith'cah, and

pitched in Häsh-mö'nah. 30 And they departed from Hashmō'nah, and encamped at Mō-sē'roth, 31 And they departed from Mö-se'röth.

and pitched in Bē'nē-jā'a-kăn.

32 And they removed from Be'nejā'a-kān, and encamped at Hôr'-hàgĭďgăd.

33 And they went from Hôr'-hà-gid'

găd, and pitched in Jöt'ba-thah. 34 And they removed from Jot bathah, and encamped at E-bro'nah.

35 And they departed from E-bro'nah, and encamped at E'zi-on-ga'ber.

36 And they removed from E'zi-onga'ber, and pitched in the wilderness of and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of give the less inheritance: every man's

the land of E'dom.

mount Hôr at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Iş'rā-ĕl were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month.

39 And Aaron was a hundred and twenty and three years old when he died

in mount Hôr.

40 And king A'rad the Ca'naan-ite, which dwelt in the south in the land of Cā'nāan, heard of the coming of the unto them. children of Iş'rā-ĕl.

41 And they departed from mount Hôr, and pitched in Zăl-mô'nah.

42 And they departed from Zăl-mô'nah,

and pitched in Pū'non. 43 And they departed from Pū'non,

and pitched in O'both.

44 And they departed from O'both, and that shall fall unto you for an inherit-pitched in I'jē-ab'á-rim, in the border ance, even the land of Cā'naan with the of Mo'ab.

45 And they departed from I'im, and

pitched in Dī'bon-gad'.

46 And they removed from Di'bongăd', and encamped in Al'mon-dib'lathā'im.

47 And they removed from Al'montains of Ab'a-rim, before Ne'bo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Ab'a-rim, and pitched in the plains of Mo'ab by Jordan near Ter'i-chō.

49 And they pitched by Jordan, from Běth'-jěs'i-moth even unto A'běl-shit-

tim in the plains of Mô'āb.

50 Cl And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Mo'ab by Jordan near

Jer'i-chō, saying, 51 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-či, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Ca'naan;

52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

53 And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to pos-

sess it.

for an inheritance among your families; and to the more ye shall give the more She'pham to Rib'lah, on the east side of

37 And they removed from Kā'desh, inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall inheritance shall be in the place where 38 And Aaron the priest went up into his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ve shall inherit.

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

56 Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do

CHAPTER 34

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Ca'naan; (this is the land coasts thereof:)

3 Then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of E'dom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast of the sait sea

eastward:

4 And your border shall turn from the dīb'la-thā'im, and pitched in the moun- south to the ascent of Ak-rab'bim, and pass on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Ka'deshbăr'nē-à, and shall go on to Hā'zārăd'där, and pass on to Az'mon:

5 And the border shall fetch a compass from Az'mon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the

6 And as for the western border, ve shall even have the great sea for a border: this shall be your west border.
7 And this shall be your north border:

from the great sea ye shall point out for

vou mount Hôr:

8 From mount Hôr ye shall point out your border unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zē'dăd:

9 I And the border shall go on to Ziph^rrŏn, and the goings out of it shall be at Ha'zar-ē'nan: this shall be your

north border.

10 And ye shall point out your east 54 And ye shall divide the land by lot border from Hā'zār-ē'nān to Shē'phām: 11 And the coast shall go down from shall reach unto the side of the sea of son of Am-mi'hud.

Chin'në-reth eastward:

at the salt sea: this shall be your land of Ca'naan. with the coasts thereof round about.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, This is the land which ve shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine

tribes, and to the half tribe:

14 For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance; and half the tribe of Ma-nas'seh have received their inheritance:

15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Tordan near Jer'i-chō eastward,

toward the sunrising,

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saving.

17 These are the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you: El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun.

18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance. 19 And the names of the men are these: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of

Tē-phun'něh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shē-mū'ěl the son of Ammī'hŭd.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, E-li'dad

the son of Chis'lon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan. Buk'ki the son of to the Le'vites shall be forty and eight

Võg'lī.

23 The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manăs'seh, Hăn'ni-el the son of E'phod. 24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of E'phrā-im, Kem'ū-el the

son of Shiph'tan. 25 And the prince of the tribe of the

children of Zeb'ū-lun, E'li-zā'phan the

son of Pär'năch. 26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Is'sa-char, Păl'ti-ĕl the son

of Az'zăn.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ash'er, A-hi'hud the son of Shē-lō'mī.

A'm; and the border shall descend, and children of Naph'ta-li, Ped'a-hel the

29 These are they whom the LORD 12 And the border shall go down to commanded to divide the inheritance Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be unto the children of Is'ra-el in the land

CHAPTER 35

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Mô'ab by Jordan near

Jěr'ĭ-chō, saying,

2 Command the children of Is'rā-ĕl. that they give unto the Le'vites, of the inheritance of their possession, cities to dwell in; and ye shall give also unto the Le'vites suburbs for the cities round about them.

3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in: and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for

all their beasts.

4 And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Le'vites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.

5 And ve shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Le'vites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty

and two cities.

7 So all the cities which ye shall give cities: them shall ye give with their

suburbs. 8 And the cities which ye shall give shall be of the possession of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl: from them that have many ye shall give many; but from them that have few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Le'vites according to his inheritance which he

inheriteth. 9 I And the LORD spake unto Moses,

saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Ca'naan.

11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to 28 And the prince of the tribe of the becities of refuge for you; that the slayer

The avenger of blood. Cities of refuse may flee thither, which killeth any per-

son at unawares.

12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the

congregation in judgment.

13 And of these cities which ye shall give, six cities shall ye have for refuge. 14 Ye shall give three cities on this side Tordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Ca'naan, which shall be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them; that every one that killeth

any person unawares may flee thither. 16 And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put

to death.

17 And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall

surely be put to death.

18 Or if he smite him with a hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The revenger of blood himself shall slav the murderer: when he meeteth

him, he shall slay him.

20 But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die; 21 Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth

22 But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast upon him any

thing without laying of wait,

23 Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, that he die, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm:

24 Then the congregation shall judge between the slaver and the revenger of blood according to these judgments:

25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.

26 But if the slaver shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood:

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whose killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die.

31 Moreover ve shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely

put to death.

32 And ve shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ve are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ve shall inhabit, wherein I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the children of

Is'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 36

ND the chief fathers of the families L of the children of Gil'ē-ad, the son of Mā'ehir, the son of Mà-năs'sĕh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl:

2 And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Is'rā-ĕl: and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zē-lōphē-had our brother unto his daughters.

3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the dren of Iş'rā-ĕl, shall be wife unto one

lot of our inheritance.

4 And when the jubilee of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moses commanded the children of Is'ra-el according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of

Joseph hath said well.

command concerning the daughters of Zē-lö'phē-had, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Is'rā-ĕl remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Is'rā-ĕl shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the chil-

of the family of the tribe of her father. that the children of Iş'rā-ĕl may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Is'rā-ĕl shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Ze-lophē-hăd:

oseph hath said well.

11 For Mäh'läh, Tir'zah, and Hög'läh,
6 This is the thing which the Lord doth and Mil'cah, and Noah, the daughters of Zē-lō'phē-had, were married unto

their father's brothers' sons: 12 And they were married into the families of the sons of Ma-nas'seh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance re-

mained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD com-manded, by the hand of Moses, unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl in the plains of Mo'ab by Jordan near Jer'i-cho.

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED

DEUTERONOMY

CHAPTER 1

HESE be the words which Moses I spake unto all Iş'rā-ĕl on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red sea, between Pā'rān, and Tō'phěl, and Lā'bān, and Hà-zē'rŏth, and Dĭz'a-hăb.

2 (There are eleven days' journey from Hō'rĕb by the way of mount Sē'ĭr unto

Kā'dĕsh-bär'nē-à.)

3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Is'ra-el, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

4 After he had slain Sī'hŏn the king of the Am'o-rites, which dwelt in Hesh' bon, and Og the king of Ba'shan, which

dwelt at As'ta-roth in Ed're-i:

5 On this side Jordan, in the land of Mō'ab. began Moses to declare this law, saying,

6 The LORD our God spake unto us in Hō'rĕb, saying, Ye have dwelt long

enough in this mount:

7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Am'o-rites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Ca'naan-ites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Eū-phrā'tēs.

8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

9 ¶ And I spake unto you at that time saving. I am not able to bear you myself

alone:

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)

12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes. and I will make them rulers over you.

14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good

for us to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes. wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and

the stranger that is with him.

17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

19 ¶ And when we departed from Hō'rĕb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Am'o-rites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kā'deshbär'nē-ā.

20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Am'o-rites. which the LORD our God doth give unto

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it. as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be dis-

couraged.

22 ¶ And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what not go in thither. cities we shall come.

23 And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a

tribe:

24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Esh'col, and searched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.

26 Notwithstanding ve would not go up. but rebelled against the commandment

of the LORD your God:

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said. Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the

Am'ō-rītes, to destroy us.

28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saving, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the An'a-kim there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not,

neither be afraid of them.

30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt

before your eyes;

31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe

the LORD your God,

33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

34 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware,

saving.

35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your

fathers.

36 Save Caleb the son of Te-phun'neh: he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.

37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Îş'rā-ĕl to inherit it.

39 Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge thither, and unto them will I give it, and wilderness: these forty years the Lore they shall possess it.

40 But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the

way of the Red sea.

41 Then we answered and said unto me. We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them. Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten

before your enemies.

43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went pre-

sumptuously up into the hill.

44 And the Am'ō-rītes, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Se'ir, even unto Hôr'mah. 45 And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto

you. 46 So ye abode in Kā'desh many days. according unto the days that ye abode

there.

CHAPTER 2

THEN we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Se'ir many days.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying, 3 Ye have compassed this mountain

long enough: turn you northward.

4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of E'sau, which dwell in Se'ir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore:

5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a footbreadth; because I have given mount Se'ir unto E'sau for a possession.

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed for a possession. thee in all the works of thy hand: he

between good and evil, they shall go in knoweth thy walking through this great thy God hath been with thee; thou hest lacked nothing.

8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of E'sau, which dwelt in Se'ir, through the way of the plain from E'lath, and from E'zi-on-ga'ber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Mo'ab.

9 And the LORD said unto me. Distress not the Mo'ab-ites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lat for a possession.

10 The E'mim dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the An'a-kim;

11 Which also were accounted giants, as the An'a-kim; but the Mo'ab-ites call

them E'mim.

12 The Hō'rim also dwelt in Sē'ir beforetime: but the children of E'sau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelf in their stead; as Iş'rā-ĕl did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

13 Now rise up, said I, and get you over the brook Ze'red. And we went

over the brook Ze'red.

14 And the space in which we came from Kā'děsh-bar'nē-a, until we were come over the brook Zē'rěd, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were con-

16 T So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saving.

18 Thou art to pass over through Ar,

the coast of Mo'ab, this day: 19 And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot

20 (That also was accounted a land of

giants: giants dwelt therein in old time: and the Ammonites call them Zamzum'mim;

21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the An'a-kim; but the LORD destroved them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their

stead:

22 As he did to the children of E'sau. which dwelt in Se'ir, when he destroyed the Ho'rim from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

23 And the A'vim which dwelt in Hazē'rim, even unto Az'zah, the Caph'torim, which came forth out of Caph' tor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

24 @ Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Ar non: behold, I have given into thine hand Si'hon the Am'ō-rīte, king of Hĕsh'bŏn, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.

25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish be-

cause of thee.

26 Cl And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Ked'e-moth unto Si'hon king of Hesh'bon with words of peace, saying,

27 Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet:

29 (As the children of E'sau which dwell in Se'ir, and the Mo'ab-ites which dwell in Ar, did unto me:) until I shall pass over Tordan into the land which the

LORD our God giveth us.

30 But Sī'hŏn king of Hĕsh'bŏn would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as abbeareth this

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Si'hon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou

mayest inherit his land.

32 Then Sī'hon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Ja'haz.

33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every

city, we left none to remain:

35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities

which we took.

36 From A-ro'er, which is by the brink of the river of Ar'non, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gil'e-ad. there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto

37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor unto any place of the river Jab'bok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbade

CHAPTER 3

HEN we turned, and went up the way to Bā'shan: and Og the king of Bā'shan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Ed'rē-ī.

2 And the LORD said unto me. Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Si'hon king of the Am'o-rites, which dwelt at Hesh'bon.

3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Ba'shan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that time. there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Ar'gob, the kingdom of Og in Bã'shăn.

5 All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled

towns a great many.

6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Si'hon king of Hesh'bon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city.

7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to our-

selves.

8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Am'o-rites the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Ar'non unto mount Hermon:

Sī'rī-on; and the Am'o-rītes call it that the LORD your God hath done unto She'nīr:

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gil'ē-ad, and all Ba'shan, unto Sal'chah and Ed're-i, cities of the kingdom of Og

in Bā'shăn.

11 For only Og king of Bā'shan remained of the remnant of giants: behold. his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Răb'bàth of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land, which we possessed at that time, from A-ro'er, which is by the river Ar'non, and half mount Gilē-ăd, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gil'e-ad, and all Bā'shăn, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh; all the region of Ar'gob, with all Ba'shan, which was called the land of giants.

14 Jā'īr the son of Ma-nas'seh took all the country of Ar'gob unto the coasts of Gē-shu'rī and Mā-ăch'a-thī; and called them after his own name. Ba'shan-

hā'voth-jā'ir, unto this dav.

15 And I gave Gil'ē-ad unto Ma'chir. 16 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gil'ē-ad even unto the river Ar'non half the valley, and the border even unto the river Tăb'bok, which is the border of the children of Ammon:

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from Chin'në-rëth even unto the sea of the plain, even the salt

sea, under Ash'doth-pis'gah eastward. 18 C And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Is'rā-ĕl, all that are meet for the war.

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (for I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities

which I have given you;

20 Until the LORD have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

9 (Which Hermon the Sī-dō'nǐ-ans call time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

22 Ye shall not fear them: for the Lorn your God he shall fight for you.

23 And I besought the LORD at that

time, saying, 24 O Lord God, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to the might?

25 I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan. that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 Get thee up into the top of Pis'gah. and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in the valley over against Běth'-pē'or.

CHAPTER 4

NOW therefore hearken, O İş'rā-el, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God

which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Bā'āl-pē'or: for all the men that followed Ba'al-pe'or, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God are alive every one of you this

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes 21 ¶ And I commanded Joshua at that and judgments, even as the LORD my

Moses exhorteth Israel to obedience

God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep therefore and do them: for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we

call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great. that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set be-

fore you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons. and thy sons' sons:

before the LORD thy God in Ho'reb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me, the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they

may teach their children.

11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness,

12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

14 ¶ And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

similitude on the day that the LORD whither the LORD shall lead you. spake unto you in Ho'reb out of the midst of the fire:

16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or

female,

the earth, the likeness of any winged with all thy soul. fowl that flieth in the air.

18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the

earth:

19 And lest thou lift up thine eves unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun. and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ue are this day.

21 Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance:

22 But I must die in this land. I must 10 Specially the day that thou stoodest not go over Jordan; but ye shall go over,

and possess that good land.

23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

24 For the LORD thy God is a consum-

ing fire, even a jealous God.
25 ¶ When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ve shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger;

26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

27 And the LORD shall scatter you 15 Take ye therefore good heed unto among the nations, and ye shall be left yourselves; for ye saw no manner of few in number among the heathen,

> 28 And there we shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat,

nor smell.

29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him. 17 The likeness of any beast that is on if thou seek him with all thy heart and

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all

in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient might live: unto his voice;

31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers, which he sware unto them.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?

33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

34 Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God:

there is none else beside him.

36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he showed thee his great fire: and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

37 And because he loved thy fathers. therefore he chose their seed after them. and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

38 To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

39 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the fire.

earth beneath: there is none else. 40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statwell with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

41 ¶ Then Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sun-

these things are come upon thee, even and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he

43 Namely, Be'zer in the wilderness. in the plain country, of the Reubenites: and Ra'moth in Gil'é-ad, of the Gadites and Gö'lan in Ba'shan, of the Ma năs'sites.

44 M And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Is'rā-ĕl:

45 These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of la rā-ĕl, after they came forth out of Egypt

46 On this side Jordan, in the valley over against Beth - pe'or, in the land of Si'hon king of the Am'o-rites, who dwell at Hěsh'bon, whom Moses and the children of Iş'ra-ĕl smote, after they were

come forth out of Egypt:

47 And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bā'shān, two kings of the Am'o-rites, which were on this side Jordan toward the sunrising 48 From A-ro'er, which is by the bank of the river Ar'non, even unto mount Si'on, which is Hermon,

49 And all the plain on this side Tordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain.

under the springs of Pis'gah.

CHAPTER 5

ND Moses called all Is'rā-ĕl, and 🕽 said unto them, Hear, O Is rā-ĕl the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep and do them.

2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Hō'rĕb.

3 The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. 4 The LORD talked with you face to

face in the mount out of the midst of the

5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the word of the utes, and his commandments, which I Lord: for ye were afraid by reason of command thee this day, that it may go the fire, and went not up into the mount,) saying,

6 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt,

from the house of bondage.

7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

rising;

8 Thou snan not make the sure that the slayer might flee thither, image, or any likeness of any thing that image, or any likeness of any thing that is in the earth which should kill his neighbor unawares, is in heaven above, or that is in the earth

9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,

10 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my

commandments.

11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it. as the LORD thy God hath commanded

thee. 13 Six days thou shalt labor, and do all

thy work:

14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the

sabbath day.

16 4 Honor thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

17 Thou shalt not kill.

18 Neither shalt thou commit adul-

19 Neither shalt thou steal.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false wit-

ness against thy neighbor.

21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbor's.

22 These words the LORD spake of the thick darkness, with a great voice: possess.

beneath, or that is in the waters beneath and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire.) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your

elders;

24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath showed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any

more, then we shall die.

26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as

we have, and lived?

27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say; and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it. and do it.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me: and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have

spoken.

29 Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

30 Go say to them, Get you into your

tents again.

31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right

hand or to the left.

33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be unto all your assembly in the mount out well with you, and that ye may prolong of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and your days in the land which ye shall

CHAPTER 6

NOW these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days

may be prolonged.

3 ¶ Hear therefore, O Is'rā-ĕl, and observe to do it: that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Is'rā-ĕl: The LORD our God

is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as

frontlets between thine eves.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou hath commanded us. buildedst not,

11 And houses full of all good things. which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

12 Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of

bondage.

13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God. and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about vou:

15 (For the LORD thy God is a jealous

God among you;) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 C Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Măs'sah.
17 Ye shall diligently keep the com-

mandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers.

19 To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken 20 And when thy son asketh thee in

time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Phā'raōh's bondmen in Egypt: and the LORD brought us out of Egypt

with a mighty hand:

22 And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pha'raoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes:

23 And he brought us out from thence. that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

25 And it shall be our righteousness. if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he

CHAPTER 7

WHEN the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Gir'ga-shites, and the Am'o-rites, and the Ca'naan-ites, and the Per'iz-zites, and the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'ū-sites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them.

nor show mercy unto them:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages

with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt from thee all sickness, and will put thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee

suddenly. 5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images

with fire.

6 For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon vou, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye

were the fewest of all people:

8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of send the hornet among them, until they Phā'raöh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God. he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them for the LORD thy God is among you, a that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

10 And repayeth them that hate him to

repay him to his face.

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this

day, to do them.

12 Q Wherefore it shall come to pass. if ve hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all peobarren among you, or among your cattle. it: for it is a cursed thing.

15 And the LORD will take away none of the evil diseases of Egypt. which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate

16 And thou shalt consume all the peo-

ple which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart. These nations are more than I: how can

I dispossess them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Phā'raōh, and unto all

Egypt;

19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the won-ders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

20 Moreover the LORD thy God will that are left, and hide themselves from

thee, be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them:

mighty God and terrible.

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and their face, to destroy them: he will not little: thou mayest not consume them at be slack to him that hateth him, he will once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be

destroyed.

24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the

LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomihe sware unto thy fathers to give thee. nation into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly ple: there shall not be male or female detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor

CHAPTER 8

ALL the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments,

or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty

years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and harley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates;

a land of oil olive, and honey;

9 A land wherein thou shalf eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given

thee.

Il Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his

statutes, which I command thee this day: 12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and

dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied:

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of

Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery

serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint.

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath

gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day

that ye shall surely perish.

20 Ås the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 9

HEAR, O Is'rā-ĕl: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

2 A people great and tall, the children of the An'a-kim, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of A'nakt

3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the Lord thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the Lord hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord doth drive them out from before thee.

5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go

to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for

thou art a stiffnecked people.

7 ¶ Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD. 8 Also in Hô'rĕb ye provoked the LORD

to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.

9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God: and on them was written according to all the words which the LORD spake with you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly.

11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. 13 Furthermore the LORD spake unto

me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they. 15 So I turned and came down from

the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant

were in my two hands.

16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you. inheritance, which thou broughtest out

17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread nor drink water. because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that

time also.

20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that

descended out of the mount.

22 And at Tab'e-rah, and at Mas'sah, and at Kib'roth-hat-ta'a-vah, ye pro-

voked the LORD to wrath.

23 Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kā'dĕsh-bär'nē-a, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

24 Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because the LORD had said he would destroy you.

26 I prayed therefore unto the LORD. and said, O Lord God, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of

Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their

wickedness, nor to their sin:

28 Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

29 Yet they are thy people and thine

stretched out arm.

CHAPTER 10

T that time the LORD said unto me. A Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt out them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark of shittim wood. and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire. in the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them unto me.

5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there

they be, as the LORD commanded me. 6 T And the children of Is'rā-ĕl took their journey from Be-e'roth of the children of Ja'a-kan to Mo-se'ra: there Aaron died, and there he was buried: and El'ē-ā'zar his son ministered in the seen. priest's office in his stead.

7 From thence they journeyed unto Gud-go'dah: and from Gud-go'dah to Jot'bath, a land of rivers of waters.

8 I At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

9 Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance, according as the LORD

thy God promised him.

10 And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, and the LORD would not destroy thee

11 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give

unto them.

12 M And now, Is'rā-ĕl, what doth the fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his destroyed them unto this day:

The tables of stone. God's greatness

by thy mighty power and by thy ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-

necked.

17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

19 Love ye therefore the stranger: for ve were strangers in the land of Egypt, 20 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God: him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.

21 He is thy praise, and he is thy God that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

CHAPTER 11

HEREFORE thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

2 And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm.

3 And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his

land:

4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pur-LORD thy God require of thee, but to sued after you, and how the LORD hath

5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place:

6 And what he did unto Da'than and A-bī'rām, the sons of E-lī'āb, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Is'ra-el:

7 But your eyes have seen all the great

acts of the LORD which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this. day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it:

9 And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk

and honey.

10 I For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eves of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with

all your soul, 14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and

he full

16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them:

17 And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ve perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

. 18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul,

and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets be-

tween your eyes. 19 And ve shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thine house, and upon thy

gates:

21 That your days may be multiplied. and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 ¶ For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to

cleave unto him:

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Eū-phra'tēş, even unto

the uttermost sea shall your coast be. 25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: for the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

26 @ Behold, I set before you this day

a blessing and a curse:

27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the

commandments of the LORD your God but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Ger'i-zim, and the curse upon

mount E'bal.

30 Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Ca'naan-ites, which dwell in the champaign over against Gil'gal, beside the plains of Mô'rěh?

31 For ye shall pass over Jordan to go

in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set be-

fore you this day.

CHAPTER 12

HESE are the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places. wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and thee.

under every green tree:

3 And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your

God.

5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ve seek, and thither

thou shalt come:

6 And thither ve shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks:

7 And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy

God hath blessed thee.

8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD

your God giveth you.

10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety:

11 Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause manded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt

tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice yows which ve yow unto the LORD:

12 And ve shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Le'vite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place

that thou seest:

14 But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command

15 Notwithstanding, thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart.

16 Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

17 I Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine. or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy yows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand:

18 But thou must eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Le'vite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Le'vite as long as thou livest

upon the earth.

20 When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have comgates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is offerings, and your sacrifices, your eaten, so thou shalt eat them; the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike.

23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour with all your soul.

it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.

26 Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall

choose:

27 And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight

of the LORD thy God.

29 When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee. whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in

their land:

30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee: and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD which he hateth have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add

thereto, nor diminish from it.

CHAPTER 13

F there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee

a sign or a wonder,

pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which city, saying, Let us go and serve other thou hast not known, and let us serve gods, which ye have not known; them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ve love the LORD your God with all your heart and

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ve shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

6 ¶ If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known,

thou, nor thy fathers:

7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth:

8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him: neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all

the people.

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11 And all Is'rā-ĕl shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

12 If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

13 Certain men, the children of Be-2 And the sign or the wonder come to li-al, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their

14 Then shalt thou inquire, and make

search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you:

15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with

the edge of the sword.

16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be a heap for ever; it shall not be built again.

17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers

18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

CHAPTER 14

/E are the children of the LORD your I God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

2 For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

4 These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,

5 The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois.

6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the

beasts, that ye shall eat.

7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat, of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you.

8 And the swine, because it divideth

unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcass. 9 These ye shall eat, of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and

scales shall ye eat: 10 And whatsoever hath not fins and

scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto

11 Of all clean birds ye shall eat. 12 But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,

13 And the glede, and the kite, and the

vulture after his kind, 14 And every raven after his kind.

15 And the owl, and the nighthawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after his kind, 16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan.

17 And the pelican, and the gier-eagle,

and the cormorant.

18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. 19 And every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.

20 But of all clean fowls ye may eat. 21 TY Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase

year by year.

23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD 3 Thou shall not eat any abominable thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil. and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God

hath blessed thee.

25 Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose:

26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul

desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household.

27 And the Le'vite that is within thy gates: thou shalt not forsake him: for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

28 C At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up

within thy gates:

29 And the Le'vite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou dcest.

CHAPTER 15

AT the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release.

2 And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth aught unto his neighbor shall release it: he shall not exact if of his neighbor, or of his brother;

because it is called the LORD's release. 3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy

brother thine hand shall release: 4 Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance

to possess it: 5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to ob- is well with thee: serve to do all these commandments

which I command thee this day. 6 For the LORD thy God blesseth thee. as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many thee.

7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he

wanteth.

year, the year of release, is at hand; and household,

thine eve be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee.

and it be sin unto thee.

10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy

needy, in thy land.

12 ¶ And if thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away

empty:

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: of that wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing

to-day.

16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he

17 Then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

18 It shall not seem hard unto thee. nations, but they shall not reign over when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant to thee, in serving thee six years: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 C All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy

sheep.

20 Thou shalt eat it before the LORD 9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy God year by year in the place which thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh the LORD shall choose, thou and thy

21 And if there be any blemish therein. as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.

22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean berson shall eat it alike, as the roebuck, and as the

hart.

23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

CHAPTER 16

BSERVE the month of A'bib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of A'bib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unte the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name

3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction: for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days: neither shall there any thing of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first

morning.

5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the

LORD thy God giveth thee:

6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of -Egypt.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morn-

ing, and go unto thy tents.

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

9 ¶ Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn.

10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, according as the LORD

thy God hath blessed thee:

11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Le'vite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt

observe and do these statutes.

13 Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:

14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast. thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Le'vite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that

are within thy gates.

15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

16 Three times in a year shall all thy day at even, remain all night until the males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before

the LORD empty:

17 Every man shall give as he is able. according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

18 ¶ Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eves of the wise, and pervert the words of the

righteous.

20 That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

21 (Thou shalt not plant thee a grove the LORD shall choose shall show thee; LORD thy God, which thou shalt make to all that they inform thee: thee.

image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

CHAPTER 17

HOU shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil-favoredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

2 Of If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of covenant,

3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Īs'rā-ĕl:

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from the throne of his kingdom, that he shall

among you.

8 ¶ If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the choose;

9 And thou shalt come unto the priests the Le'vites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall show thee the sentence of judgment:

10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which Iş'rā-ĕl.

of any trees near unto the altar of the and thou shalt observe to do according

11 According to the sentence of the law 22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall show thee, to the right hand, nor to the

> 12 And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die; and thou shalt put away the evil from Is'ra-ël.

13 And all the people shall hear, and the LORD thy God, in transgressing his fear, and do no more presumptuously. 14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;

15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Le'vites:

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words place which the LORD thy God shall of this law and these statutes, to do them:

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of

CHAPTER 18

HE priests the Le'vites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Iş'rā-ĕl: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD is their inheritance, as he hath said unto

3 I And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoul-

der, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and

his sons for ever.

thy gates out of all Is'ra-el, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire that shall speak in the name of other of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose;

7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Le'vites do, which stand there be-

fore the LORD.

8 They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which cometh of the sale of

his patrimony.

9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necro-

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD; and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD

thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

15 I The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto

him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Ho'reb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have

spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will

require it of him.

20 But the prophet, which shall pre-6 ¶ And if a Lē'vīte come from any of sume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD

hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

CHAPTER 19

7HEN the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;

2 Thou shalt separate three cities for 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

4 I And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbor ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past;

5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to from the helve, and lighteth upon his falsely against his brother; neighbor, that he die; he shall flee unto one of those cities, and live:

6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated

him not in time past.

7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee. 8 And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

9 If thou shalt keep all these commandthee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, be-

side these three:

10 That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be

upon thee.

11 @ But if any man hate his neighbor. and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities;

12 Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood,

that he may die.

13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the quilt of innocent blood from Is'ra-el, that it may go well with thee.

14 C Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

15 ¶ One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

16 If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that

the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;

inquisition: and, behold, if the witness armies to lead the people.

cut down the tree, and the head slippeth be a false witness, and hath testified

19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit

no more any such evil among you. 21 And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAPTER 20

THEN thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more ments to do them, which I command than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall " approach and speak unto the people,

And shall say unto them, Hear, O Iş'rā-ĕl, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them:

4 For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against

your enemies, to save you.

5 ¶ And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not yet eaten of it? let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and an-

other man eat of it.

7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say What man is there that is fearful and which is wrong; faint-hearted? let him go and return un-17 Then both the men, between whom to his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.

9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the peo-18 And the judges shall make diligent ple, that they shall make captains of the

10 ¶ When thou comest night unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim

peace unto it.

11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

12 And if it will make no peace with hath not drawn in the yoke; thee, but will make war against thee, 4 And the elders of that city

then thou shalt besiege it:

13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword:

14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations.

16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive

nothing that breatheth:

17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hit'tites, and the Am'orites, the Cā'nāan-ites, and the Pēr'izzītes, the Hī'vites, and the Jēb'ū-ṣītes; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin

against the LORD your God.

19 ¶ When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege:

20 Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it

be subdued.

CHAPTER 21

IF one be found slain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath slain him:

2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain:

3 And it shall be, that the city which is next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer, which

hath not been wrought with, and which

4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley.

5 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the LORD; and by their word shall every controversy and

every stroke be tried:

6 And all the elders of that city, that are next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer that is be-

headed in the valley:

7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.

8 Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people Is'rā-ĕl, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Is'rā-ĕl's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

9 So shalt thou put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when thou shalt do that which is right in the

sight of the LORD.

10 ¶ When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive.

11 And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy

wife:

12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her

head, and pare her nails;

13 And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make

humbled her.

15 Cf If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have horne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son he hers that was hated:

16 Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath. that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn:

17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

18 Q If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:

19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate

of his place:

20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice: he

is a glutton, and a drunkard.

21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Is'ra-el shall hear, and fear. 22 C And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not

thee for an inheritance.

CHAPTER 22

HOU shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass: and so shalt thou do with his rai- the elders of the city.

merchandise of her, because thou hast ment; and with all lost things of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely

help him to lift them up again.

5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto

the LORD thy God.

6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:

7 But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou

mayest prolong thu days.

8 When thou buildest a new house. then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence, 9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox

and an ass together.

11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woolen and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself.

13 If any man take a wife, and go in

unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occasions of speech against defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsel. and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:

16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

17 And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him:

19 And they shall amerce him in a hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Iş'rā-ĕl: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the

damsel:

21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die; because she hath wrought folly in Is'rā-ĕl, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

22 Of If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from

Īs'rā-ĕl.

23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto a husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her:

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ve shall stone them with stones that they die: the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbor's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

25 T But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only

that lay with her shall die:

nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbor, and slayeth him, even so is this matter:

27 For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and there

was none to save her.

28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found:

29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

wife, nor discover his father's skirt.

CHAPTER 23

HE that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into

the congregation of the LORD.

3 An Ammonite or Mo'ab-ite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD: even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:

4 Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Ba'laam the son of Bē'or of Pē'thor of Měs'o-po-ta'mi-a, to

curse thee.

5 Nevertheless, the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Ba'laam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

7 Thou shalt not abhor an E'domite: for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.

9 ¶ When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

10 If there be among you any man. 26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp:

11 But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash himself with water: and when the sun is down, he shall

come into the camp again.

12 Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad:

13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:

14 For the LORD thy God walketh in 30 I A man shall not take his father's the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before

thee: therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee. and turn away from thee.

15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped

from his master unto thee:

16 He shall dwell with thee, even among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

17 C There shall be no whore of the daughters of Iş'rā-ĕl, nor a sodomite of

the sons of Is'ra-el.

18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent

upon usury:

20 Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be

sin in thee.

shall be no sin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 When thou comest into thy neighbor's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel.

25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbor, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbor's standing corn.

CHAPTER 24

WHEN a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

3 And if the latter husband hate her. and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house: or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled: for that is abomination before the LORD; and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an in-

heritance.

5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year. and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

6 © No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he

taketh a man's life to pledge.

7 If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Iş'rāel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the 22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it Le'vites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so we shall observe to do.

9 Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt,

10 When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.

12 And if the man be poor, thou shalt

not sleep with his pledge:

13 In any case thou shalt deliver him. the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

14 Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates:

15 At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon

LORD, and it be sin unto thee. 16 The fathers shall not be put to death

for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 I Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless: nor take a widow's raiment to

pledge:

18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forget a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the

fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

CHAPTER 25

IF there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.

2 And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault,

by a certain number.

3 Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when

he treadeth out the corn.

5 ¶ If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother

it: for he is poor, and setteth his heart shall go in unto her, and take her to him upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the to wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Is'ra-ël.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say. My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Is'rā-ĕl, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take

her:

9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say. So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

10 And his name shall be called in Ĭs'rā-ĕl, The house of him that hath his

shoe loosed.

11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:

12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand.

thine eye shall not pity her.

13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small: 14 Thou shalt not have in thine house

divers measures, a great and a small: 15 But thou shalt have a perfect and

just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have; that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

16 For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomina-

tion unto the LORD thy God.

17 ¶ Remember what Am'a-lek did unto thee by the way, when ye were

come forth out of Egypt;

18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God.

19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all which the LORD thy God giveth thee for that is among you. an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of not forget it.

CHAPTER 26

AND it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. and possessest it, and dwellest therein:

2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers

for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father; and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great. mighty, and populous:

6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us. and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard

bondage:

7 And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression:

8 And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders:

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and

honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house,

thine enemies round about, in the land thou, and the Le'vite, and the stranger

12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the Am'a-lek from under heaven; thou shalt third year, which is the year of tithing. and hast given if unto the Le'vite. the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled:

13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Le'vite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them:

14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away aught thereof for any unclean use, nor given aught thereof for the dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Iş'rā-ĕl, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk

and honey.

16 This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart. and with all thy soul.

17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments:

19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be a holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

CHAPTER 27

AND Moses with the elders of Is ra-el commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it shall be, on the day when ye

shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, his father or his mother; and all the peothat thou shalt set thee up great stones.

and plaster them with plaster:

3 And thou shalt write upon them all neighbor's landmark: and all the people the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

4 Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount E'bal, and thou shalt plaster

them with plaster.

5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron

tool upon them.

6 Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God:

7 And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before

the LORD thy God.

8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

9 ¶ And Moses and the priests the Lē'vītes spake unto all Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Is'ra-el: this day thou art become the people of the LORD thy God.

of the LORD thy God, and do his com-mandments and his statutes, which I

command thee this day.

11 ¶ And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

These shall stand upon mount Gěr'i-zim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Joseph, and Benjamin:

13 And these shall stand upon mount E'bal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Ash'er, and Zeb'ū-lun, Dan, and Naph-

14 I And the Le'vites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Is'ra-el with a

loud voice,

15 Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place: and all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

16 Cursed be he that setteth light by ple shall say, Amen.

17 Cursed be he that removeth his

shall say, Amen.

18 Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way: and all the

people shall say, Amen.

19 Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless. and widow: and all the people shall say, Amen.

20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt: and all the people shall say, Amen.

21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast: and all the people shall

say, Amen.

22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother: and all the peo-

ple shall say, Amen.
23 Cursed be he that lieth with his mother-in-law: and all the people shall

sav. Amen.

24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbor secretly: and all the people shall say, Amen.

25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person: and all the

people shall say, Amen.

26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not all 10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice the words of this law to do them; and all the people shall say, Amen.

CHAPTER 28

AND it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD Levi, and Judah, and Is'sa-char, and thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy

God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body. and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou

comest in, and blessed shalt thou be comest in, and cursed shalt thou be

when thou goest out.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto: and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

o The LORD shall establish thee a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the com-

mandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD: and they shall be afraid of thee.

11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and

thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, serve and to do them:

14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy

18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body.

when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that hefore thy face: they shall come out thou settest thine hand unto for to do. until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly: because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

> 21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither

thou goest to possess it.

22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that

is under thee shall be iron.

24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust; from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou

be destroyed.

25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them; and shalt be thou shalt lend unto many nations, and removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them

away.

27 The LORD will smite thee with the which I command thee this day, to ob- botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonish-

ment of heart:

29 And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and commandments and his statutes which thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build a house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thine ass shall be violently taken away thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. from before thy face, and shall not be 19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt

have none to rescue them. 32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be

no might in thine hand.

33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labors, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:

34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 35 The LORD shall smite thee in the

knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch nation whose tongue thou shalt not that cannot be healed, from the sole of understand; thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy all nations whither the LORD shall lead

thee.

38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.

39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.

40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for

they shall go into captivity. 42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land

shall the locust consume.

43 The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head,

and thou shalt be the tail.

45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee.

46 And they shall be upon thee for a toward her daughter, sign and for a wonder, and upon thy

seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the Lorn thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all

things;

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies, which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a

50 A nation of fierce countenance. which shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young:

51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath

given thee.

53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

54 So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall dis-

tress thee in all thy gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and

57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall see it no more again; and there ye shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of be sold unto your enemies for bondmen all things secretly in the siege and strait- and bondwomen, and no man shall buy ness, wherewith thine enemy shall dis- you. tress thee in thy gates.

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY

GoD; 59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto

thee.

61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

62 And ve shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

63 And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known.

even wood and stone.

65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of

thy life:

67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherethine eyes which thou shalt see.

68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way

CHAPTER 29

HESE are the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Iş'rā-ĕl in the land of Mō'āb, besides the covenant which he made with them in Hō'rĕb.

2 ¶ And Moses called unto all Is'rā-ĕl. and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Phā'raōh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his

land:

3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those

great miracles:

4 Yet the LORD hath not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and

ears to hear, unto this day.

5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ve might know that I am the LORD your

God.

7 And when we came unto this place, Sī'hon the king of Hesh'bon, and Og the king of Bā'shān, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them:

8 And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe

of Ma-năs'sĕh.

9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may

prosper in all that ye do.

10 Tye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Is'ra-el

11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of

thy water:

12 That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into with thou shalt fear, and for the sight of his oath, which the LORD thy God mak-

eth with thee this day:

13 That he may establish thee to-day for a people unto himself, and that he whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt may be unto thee a God. as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto to Tacob.

this covenant and this oath;

15 But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day:

16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt: and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;

17 And ve have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among

them:)

18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood:

19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to

thirst:

20 The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man. and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Is'ra-el, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the

22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you. and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD hath laid upon it;

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sod'om and Go-mor'rah, Ad'mah and Zē-bō'im, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this

great anger?

25 Then men shall say, Because they thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made 14 Neither with you only do I make with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:

26 For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not

given unto them:

27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in

great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

ND it shall come to pass, when all A these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee.

2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart.

and with all thy soul;

3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

4 If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of the seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that

thou mayest live.

7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

day.

9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand. in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land. for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his com-mandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

11 @ For this commandment which I

command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we

may hear it, and do it? 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that

we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word is very nigh unto thee. in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 C See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; 16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments. and his statutes, and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the

land whither thou goest to possess it. 17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve

18 I denounce unto you this day, that ve shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go

to possess it.

19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and which he shall choose, thou shalt read thy seed may live:

20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy hearing. God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto and women, and children, and thy stranhim: for he is thy life, and the length of ger that is within thy gates, that they

8 And thou shalt return and obey the 'thy days: that thou mavest dwell in the voice of the LORD, and do all his com- land which the LORD sware unto thy mandments which I command thee this fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Tacob, to give them.

CHAPTER 31

AND Moses went and spake these A words unto all Is'rā-ĕl.

2 And he said unto them, I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me. Thou shalt not go over this Tordan.

3 The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, and he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath said.

4 And the LORD shall do unto them as he did to Si'hon and to Og, kings of the Am'o-rites, and unto the land of them. whom he destroyed.

5 And the LORD shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

7 I And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Îs'rā-ĕl, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them: and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. 8 And the LORD, he it is that doth go

before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

9

And Moses wrote this law, and

delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

10 And Moses commanded them, saving, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in

the feast of tabernacles,

11 When all Is'rā-ĕl is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place this law before all Ĭs'rā-ĕl in their

12 Gather the people together, men,

may hear, and that they may learn, and for I know their imagination which they fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

13 And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ve live in the land whither ve go over Jordan to possess it.

14 I And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud; and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of

the tabernacle.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?

18 And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned

unto other gods.

19 Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Is'ra-el: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the

children of Is'rā-ĕl.

20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: right is he.

go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I sware.

22 Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children

of Îş'rā-ĕl.

23 And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Iş'rā-ĕl into the land which I

sware unto them: and I will be with thee. 24 C And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were

finished, 25 That Moses commanded the Let vites, which bare the ark of the cove-

nant of the LORD, saying, 26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there

for a witness against thee. 27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much

more after my death?

28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

29 For I know that after my death ve will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Is'ra-el the words of this song, until they were ended.

CHAPTER 32

IVE ear, O ye heavens, and I will I speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain. my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our

God.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: them, that this song shall testify against for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and

5 They have corrupted themselves. their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

7 @ Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy

elders, and they will tell thee. 8 When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he sepa-

rated the sons of Adam, he set the hounds of the people according to the of the mountains. number of the children of Is'ra-el. 9 For the LORD's portion is his people:

Tacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land, and

in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest. fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth

them on her wings:

12 So the LORD alone did lead him. and there was no strange god with him. 13 He made him ride on the high places

of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock:

14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bā'shān, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink

the pure blood of the grape.

15 T But Jesh'ū-run waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of and two put ten thousand to flight, exhis salvation.

16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations pro-

voked they him to anger.

17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God: to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that

formed thee.

19 And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.

20 And he said. I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation,

children in whom is no faith.

21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God: they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people: I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger. and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations

23 I will heap mischiefs upon them: I will spend mine arrows upon them.

24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with

the man of gray hairs.

26 I said, I would scatter them into corners. I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:

27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely. and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

28 For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them.

29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

30 How should one chase a thousand. cept their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

31 For their rock is not as our Rock. even our enemies themselves being

judges.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sŏd'om, and of the fields of Gō-mŏr'rah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons,

and the cruel venom of asps.

34 Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?

35 To me belongeth vengeance, and

recompense; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people. and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone,

and there is none shut up, or left. 37 And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,

38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.

39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my

hand.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and

say, I live for ever.

41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh: and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of

revenges upon the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O ve nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

44 C And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hö-she'a the son of Nun. 45 And Moses made an end of speak-

ing all these words to all Is'ra-el:

46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all mies. the words of this law.

47 For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to pos-

sess it. 48 And the LORD spake unto Moses

that selfsame day, saying,

49 Get thee up into this mountain Ab'à-rim, unto mount Nê'bō, which is in the land of Mo'ab, that is over against Jer'i-cho; and behold the land of ments, and Is'ra-el thy law: they shall Ca'naan, which I give unto the children put incense before thee, and whole burnt of Is'rā-ĕl for a possession:

50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hôr, and was gathered unto his people:

51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl at the waters of Měr'i-bäh-Kā'děsh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Îs'rā-ĕl.

52 Yet thou shalt see the land before thee: but thou shalt not go thither unto

the land which I give the children of Īs'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 33

ND this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Is'rā-ĕl before his death. 2 And he said, The LORD came from

Sī'naī, and rose up from Sē'ir unto them. he shined forth from mount Pa'ran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for

them.

3 Yea, he loved the people: all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet: every one shall receive of thy words.

4 Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of

Tacob.

5 And he was king in Jesh'ū-run, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl were gathered together.

6 4 Let Reuben live, and not die; and

let not his men be few.

7 And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou a help to him from his ene-

8 Q And of Levi he said, Let thy Thum! mim and thy U'rim be with thy holy one. whom thou didst prove at Mas'sah, and with whom thou didst strive at the wa-

ters of Měr'i-bäh;

9 Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob thy judg-

sacrifice upon thine altar.

11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him. that they rise not again.

12 M And of Benjamin he said. The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell be-

tween his shoulders.

13 ¶ And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious

things put forth by the moon. ancient mountains, and for the precious

things of the lasting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.

17 His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of E'phrā-im, and they are the thousands

of Ma-năs'sĕh.

18 ¶ And of Zeb'ū-lun he said, Rejoice, Zeb'ū-lun, in thy going out;

and, Is'sa-char, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.

he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown

of the head.

21 And he provided the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Iş'rā-ĕl.

22 And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bā'shan.

23 C And of Năph'ta-li he said, C with the blessing of the LORD, possess thou the west and the south.

24 T And of Åsh'er he said, Let Åsh'er be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foct in oil.

25 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength

26 I There is none like unto the God of Tesh'ū-run, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy

them

28 Ĭs'rā-ĕl then shall dwell in safetv 15 And for the chief things of the alone; the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his

heavens shall drop down dew.

29 Happy art thou, O Iş'rā-ĕl: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

CHAPTER 34

AND Moses went up from the plains of Mo'ab unto the mountain of Nē'bō, to the top of Pis'gah, that is over against Jer'i-cho: and the LORD showed him all the land of Gil'e-ad, unto Dan,

2 And all Năph'tà-lī, and the land of E'phrā-im, and Ma-nas'seh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jer'i-cho, the city of palm trees,

unto Zō'ar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is 20 4 And of Gad he said, Blessed be the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 ¶ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Mo'ab, accord-

ing to the word of the LORD.

6 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Mō'ab, over against Beth'-pe'or: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 II And Moses was a hundred and Năph tà-lī, satisfied with favor, and full twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

8 ¶ And the children of Is'rā-ĕl wept for Moses in the plains of Mo'ab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourn-

ing for Moses were ended.

9 I And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Is'rā-ĕl hearkened unto him. and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 I And there arose not a prophet since in Is'ra-ĕl like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 In all the signs and the wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his

servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the sight of all Is'rā-ĕl.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

CHAPTER 1

NOW after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Toshua the son of Nun. Moses' minister, saving,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Is'rā-ĕl.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto

you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Eu-phra'tes, all the land of the Hit'tites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

unto this people shalt thou divide for an ren armed, all the mighty men of valor. unto this people snan thou divide an an inheritance the land, which I sware unto 'and help them; their fethers to give them.

15 Until the LORD have given your

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then theu shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Joshua commanded the

officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 M And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Ma-

năs'sĕh, spake Joshua, saying,

13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jor-6 Be strong and of a good courage: for dan; but ye shall pass before your breth-

brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the it to the right hand or to the left, that land of your possession, and enjoy it, thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Tordan toward the sunrising.

16 ¶ And they answered Joshua, saving, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest

us, we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoever he be that doth rebel earth beneath. against thy commandment, and will not commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

CHAPTER 2

AND Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shit'tim two men to spy secretly, saving, Go view the land, even Jer'i-cho. And they went, and came into a harlot's house, named Ra'hab, and lodged there. 2 And it was told the king of Jer'i-cho.

saying, Behold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of Is'ra-el

to search out the country.

3 And the king of Jer'i-cho sent unto Rā'hāb, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

4 And the woman took the two men. and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they

were:

5 And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark. that the men went out; whither the men went, I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order

upon the roof.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 I And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; 9 And she said unto the men, I know

that the LORD hath given you the land. and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land

faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Am'o-rites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sī'hŏn and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any

unto thee: only the LORD thy God be man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in

12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear hearken unto thy words in all that thou unto me by the LORD, since I have showed you kindness, that we will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:

> 13 And that ye will save alive my father. and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and

deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon

the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We will be blameless of this thine oath which

thou hast made us swear.

18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by; and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household. home unto thee.

19 And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.

20 And if thou utter this our business. then we will be quit of thine oath which

thou hast made us to swear.

21 And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.

23 C So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them:

24 And they said unto Toshua. Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

CHAPTER 3

ND Joshua rose early in the morning; A and they removed from Shit'tim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Is'ra-el, and lodged there before they passed over.

2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; 3 And they commanded the people, saying. When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Le'vites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go

after it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to-morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 M And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Is'rā-ĕl, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I

will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying. When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan

9 M And Joshua said unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, Come hither, and hear the

words of the LORD your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Ca'naan-ites, and the Hit'tites, and the Hi'vites, and the Per'iz-zites, and the Gir'ga-shites, and the Am'o-rites, and the Jeb'u-sites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over

before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Iş'rā-ĕl, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon

a heap.

14 ¶ And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people:

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest.)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon a heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zăr'ē-tăn; and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people passed over right against Jĕr'i-chō.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Is'ra-el-ites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

CHAPTER 4

AND it came to pass, when all the peo-ple were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, 2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,

3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Ĭş'rā-ĕl, out of every tribe a man:

5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Is'rā-ĕl:

fathers in time to come, saying, What

mean ye by these stones?

7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall he for a memorial unto the children of

Ĭs'rā-ĕl for ever.

8 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where of the covenant stood: and they are there

unto this day.

10 ¶ For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over.

11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the

people.

12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Ma-nas'seh, passed over armed before the children of Is'rā-ĕl, as Moses spake unto them:

13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto

battle, to the plains of Jer'i-chō.

14 ¶ On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Iş'rā-el; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua,

saying,

16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.

18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant were circumcised; but all the people

6 That this may be a sign among you, of the LORD were come up out of the that when your children ask their midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Tordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

19 And the people came up out of Tordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gil'gal, in the

east border of Ter'i-cho.

20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in

Gĭl'găl.

21 And he spake unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Ĭş'rā-ĕl came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the the feet of the priests which bare the ark waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that we might fear the LORD

your God for ever.

CHAPTER 5

ND it came to pass, when all the kings of the Am'o-rites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Ca'naan-ites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Īs'rā-ĕl.

2 C At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Is'rā-ĕl

the second time.

3 And Toshua made him sharp knives and circumcised the children of Is'ra-el

at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came out

that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Is'rā-ël walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not show them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by

the way.

8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp,

till they were whole.

9 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gil'găl unto this day.

10 Tand the children of Is'rā-ĕl encamped in Gil'gāl, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jēr'ī-chō.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched

corn in the selfsame day.

12 ¶ And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Iş'rā-ël manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Cā'

năan that year.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jĕr'i-chō, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

CHAPTER 6

NOW Jer'i-chō was straitly shut up because of the children of Is'rā-ël: none went out, and none came in.

2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jer'i-cho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor.

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests

shall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

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6 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nún called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the 'ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lorn.

7 And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the

LORD.

8 ¶ And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the Lord, and blew with the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.

9 ¶ And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rearward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the

trumpets.

10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall we shout.

11 So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the

camp.

12 ¶ And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rearward came after the ark of the LORD, the briests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the

camp. So they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the

city.
17 ¶ And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Ra'hab the harlot shall live. she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise keep uourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make uourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Is'rā-ĕl a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the

treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.

23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Ra'hab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they upon their heads.

brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Is'ra-el.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver. and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Toshua saved Ra'hab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had: and she dwelleth in Is'rā-ĕl even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent

to spy out Ter'i-cho.

26 T And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jer'i-cho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.

27 So the LORD was with Toshua: and his fame was noised throughout all the-

country.

CHAPTER 7

BUT the children of Is'rā-ĕi committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for A'chan, the son of Car'mi, the son of Zăb'dī, the son of Zē'rah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Is'ra-el.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jer'i-chō to A'i, which is beside Beth'-a'ven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed A'i.

3 And they returned to Toshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite A'i; and make not all the people to labor thither; for they are but few.

4 So there went up thither of the people 21 And they utterly destroyed all that about three thousand men; and they

fled before the men of A'i.

5 And the men of A'i smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even unto Sheb'a-rim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

6 I And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Is'ra-el, and put dust

7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Am'ō-rites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelf on the other side Jordan!

8 O Lord, what shall I say, when Iş'rā-ĕl turneth their backs before their

enemies!

9 For the Cā'nāan-ītes and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus

upon thy face?

11 Is ra-ëi hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of İş'rā-ĕl could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Is rā-ēl. There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Is rā-ēl: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

14 In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.

15 And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Iş'rā-ĕl.

16 ¶ So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Is rā-ĕl by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zār'hītes: and he brought the family of the Zār'

hites man by man; and Zăb'di was taken:

18 And he brought his household man by man; and Ā'ehān, the son of Cār'mī, the son of Zāb'dī, the son of Zē'rāh, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 And Joshua said unto Ā'chān, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Iş'rā-ēl, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me

20 And A'chan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Is'ra-el, and thus and thus

have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

22 ¶ So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver un-

der it.

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Iş'rā-ĕi, and laid them out before the LORD.

24 And Joshua, and all Is'rā-ëi with him, took A'chān the son of Ze'rāh, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of A'chōr.

25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Is ra-el stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of A'chör, unto this day.

CHAPTER 8

AND the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ā'ī: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ā'ī, and his people, and his city, and his land:

2 And thou shalt do to A'i and her king as thou didst unto Jer'i-cho and her king; only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prev unto vourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

3 C So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against A'i: and Toshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:

5 And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,

6 (For they will come out after us.) till we have drawn them from the city: for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before

them.

7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, that ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

9 @ Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and A'i, on the west side of A'i: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Is'ra-

ěl, before the people to A'i.

11 And all the people, even the people of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of A'i: now there was a valley between them and A'i.

12 And he took about five thousand and brought him to Joshua. men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and A'i, on the west side

of the city.

13 And when they had set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night that all the Is'ra-el-ites returned unto into the midst of the valley.

14 And it came to pass, when the sword.

king of A'i saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Is'ra-el to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Is'ra-ĕl made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that were in A'i were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in A'ī or Beth-el, that went not out after Is' rā-ĕl: and they left the city open, and

pursued after Is'rā-ĕl.

18 And the LORD said unto Toshua. Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward A'i; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand; and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.

20 And when the men of A'i looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

21 And when Joshua and all Is'rā-ĕl saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended. then they turned again, and slew the men of A'i.

22 And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Is'ra-ĕl, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

23 And the king of A'i they took alive.

24 And it came to pass, when Is'rā-ĕI had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of A'i in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, A'i, and smote it with the edge of the

25 And so it was, that all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of A'i.

26 For Toshua drew not his hand back. wherewith he stretched out the spear. until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of A'î.

27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Is'ra-ĕl took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua.

28 And Joshua burnt A'i, and made it a gether, to fight with Joshua and with Is heap for ever, even a desolation unto

this day.

29 And the king of A'i he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, that remaineth unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl in mount

Ē'băl.

31 As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Is'ra-el, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lifted up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace us; and how shall we make a league offerings.

32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children

of Is'rā-ĕl.

33 And all Is'ra-ĕl, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Le'vites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Ger'i-zim, and half of them over against mount E'bal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Is'ra-el. 34 And afterward he read all the words

of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the

book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Is' rā'ěl, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

CHAPTER 9

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hit'tite, and the Am'ō-rīte, the Ca'naan-īte, the Per'iz. zīte, the Hī'vīte, and the Jeb'ū-sīte. heard thereof:

2 That they gathered themselves to-

rā-ĕl, with one accord.

3 And when the inhabitants of Gib'e-on heard what Joshua had done

unto Ter'i-cho and to A'i.

4 They did work willly, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors. and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up:

5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them: and all the bread of their provision was dry

and mouldy.

6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gil'gal, and said unto him, and to the men of Is'rā-el, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ve a league with us.

7 And the men of Is'ra-el said unto the Hi'vites, Peradventure ye dwell among

with you?

8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come, because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and

all that he did in Egypt,

10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Am'o-rites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sī'hon king of Hesh'bon, and to Og king of Bā'shan, which was at

Àsh'tā-rŏth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

13 And these bottles of wine, which we

filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

14 And the men took of their victuals. and asked not counsel at the mouth of

the LORD.

15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the con-

gregation sware unto them.

16 And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gib-ē-on, and Chē-phī'rah, and Bē-ē'roth,

and Kīr'jāth-jē'ā-rim.

18 And the children of Is'ra-el smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl. And all the congregation murmured against the mighty. princes.

19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl: now there-

fore we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had prom-

ised them.

22 ¶ And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my

God.

24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you. therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Is'ra-el, that they slew them not.

27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

CHAPTER 10

Now it came to pass, when A-dō'nī-zē'dēk king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ā'ī, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jer'i-cho and her king, so he had done to A'i and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gib'e-on had made peace with Is'rā-ĕl, and were among them;

2 That they feared greatly, because Gib'ē-on was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than A'i, and all the men thereof were

3 Wherefore A-do'nī-zē'děk king of Jerusalem sent unto Hö'ham king of He'bron, and unto Pi'ram king of Tarmuth, and unto Ja-phī'a king of Lā'chish, and unto Dē'bīr king of Eg'lon, saying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gib'e-on: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children

of İş'rā-ĕl.

5 Therefore the five kings of the Am'orites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of He'bron, the king of Jär'muth, the king of La'chish, the king of Eg'lon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gib'e-on, and made war against it.

6 And the men of Gib'e-on sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gil'gal, saving, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Am'orites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.

7 So Joshua ascended from Gil'găl, he and all the people of war with him, and

all the mighty men of valor.

8 I And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

9 Toshua therefore came unto them

suddenly, and went up from Gil'gal all none moved his tongue against any of

10 And the LORD discomfited them before Is'ra-el, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gib'e-on, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Běth'-ho'ron, and smote them to A-zē'kāh,

and unto Măk-kē'dah.

11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Is'ra-ĕl, and were in the going down to Beth'-ho'ron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto A-ze'kah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Is'rā-ĕl slew with the sword.

12 II Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Am'o-rites before the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and he said in the sight of Iş'rā-ĕl, Sun, stand thou still upon Gib'e-on; and thou. Moon, in the valley

of Aj'a-lon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Ta'sher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the

LORD fought for Is'rā-ĕl.

15 ¶ And Joshua returned, and all Iş'rā-el with him, unto the camp to Gĭl'găl.

16 But these five kings fled, and hid

themselves in a cave at Măk-kē'dah. 17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Măk-kë'dah.

18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men

by it for to keep them:

19 And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Is'ra-el had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities.

the children of Is'ra-el.

22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five

kings unto me out of the cave. 23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the

cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of He'bron, the king of Jär'muth, the king of La'chish, and the king of Eg'lon.

24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua. that Toshua called for all the men of Is'ra-el, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ve

fight.

26 And afterward Joshua smote them. and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the

trees until the evening.

27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.

28 ¶ And that day Joshua took Makke'dah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Mak-ke'dah as he did unto the king of Jer'i-cho.

29 Then Joshua passed from Mak-kē'dah, and all Iş'rā-ĕl with him, unto Lib'nah, and fought against Lib'nah:

30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Is' rā-ĕl; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Ter'i-cho.

31 ¶ And Joshua passed from Lib'nåh. and all Is'ra-el with him, unto La'chish, and encamped against it, and fought

against it:

32 And the LORD delivered La'chish 21 And all the people returned to the into the hand of Iş'rā-ĕl, which took it on camp to Joshua at Mak-ke'dah in peace: the second day, and smote it with the

were therein, according to all that he had done to Lib'nah.

33 Then Hô'răm king of Gë'zër came up to help La'chish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had

left him none remaining.

34 C And from La'chish Joshua passed unto Eg'lon, and all Iş'ra-el with him: and they encamped against it, and

fought against it:

35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to La chish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eg'lon, and all Iş'rā-ĕl with him, unto Hē'bron:

and they fought against it:

37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eg'lon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein.

38 C And Joshua returned, and all Is'rā-ēl with him, to Dē'bīr; and fought

against it:

39 And he took it, and the king thereof. and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein: he left none remaining: as he had done to He'bron, so he did to De'bir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Lib'nah, and to her king.

40 C So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl commanded.

41 And Joshua smote them from Kaděsh-bär'nē-å even unto Gā'zà, and all the country of Go'shen, even unto

Gĭb'ē-on.

42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Îş'rā-ĕl fought for Îş'rā-ĕl. 43 And Joshua returned, and all Is'rā-ĕl with him, unto the camp to Gil'găl.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, when Jā'bin king of Hā'zor had heard those things, that he sent to Jo'bab king of

edge of the sword, and all the souls that Ma'don, and to the king of Shim'ron, and to the king of Ach'shaph.

2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chin'ne-roth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

3 And to the Ca'naan-ite on the east and on the west, and to the Am'o-rite. and the Hit'tite, and the Per'iz-zite, and the leb'u-site in the mountains, and to the Hi'vite under Hermon in the land of

Mĭz'pĕh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the seashore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Me'rom, to fight

against İs'rā-ĕl.

6 And the LORD said unto Toshua. Be not afraid because of them: for tomorrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Is'rā-ĕl: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Me'rom suddenly; and they fell

upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Ĭş'rā-ĕl, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zi'don, and unto Mis'rē-photh-mā'im, and unto the valley of Miz'peh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 I And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hā'zŏr, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hā'zŏr beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hā'zŏr

with fire.

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded.

13 But as for the cities that stood still

in their strength, Is'rā-ĕl burned none of them, save Hā'zŏr only; that did

Joshua burn.

14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Isrā-či took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

15 ¶ As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD com-

manded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Gö'shën, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of ĭs'rā-ĕi, and the valley of the same;

17 Even from the mount Hā'lāk, that goeth up to Sē'īr, even unto Bā'āl-gād in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and

smote them, and slew them.

18 Toshua made war a long time with

all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Igrā-ĕl, save the Hi'vītes the inhabitants of Gib-ĕ-ôn: all other they took in battle.

20 For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts, that they should come against 1g-rā-ēl in hattle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

21 ¶ And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the An'a-kim from the mountains, from Hē'bron, from Dē'bir, from Ā'nāb, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Is'rā-ĕi: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the An'a-kim left in the land of the children of Is'ra-el: only in Ga'za, in Gath, and in Ashdod,

there remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Is'rā-ēl according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these are the kings of the land, Ge'der, one; which the children of Is'rā-ei 14 The king of smote, and possessed their land on the of A'rād, one;

other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Ar'non unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the

2 Si'hŏn king of the Ām'ō-rītes, who dweit in Hesh'oŏn, and ruled from Ā-rō'er, which is upon the bank of the river Ār'nŏn, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gil'ē-ād, even unto the river Jāb'ošk, which is the box.

3 And from the plain to the sea of Chin'nā-röth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea on the east, the way to Běth'-jēsh'ī-möth; and from the south under Ash'döth-

der of the children of Ammon:

pĭş'gah:

4 ¶ And the coast of Og king of Ba' shān, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ash'tā-rŏth and at Ed'rē-ī.

5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Sal'cah, and in all Ba'shan, unto the border of the Gesh'ū-rītes and the Mā-āch'a-thites, and half Gil'ē-ād, the border of Si'hon king of Hesh'bon.

6 Them did Moses the servant of the Lorn and the children of is rā-ēl smite: and Moses the servant of the Lorn gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of

Mà-năs'sĕh.

7 ¶ And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Iş'rā-ēl smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Bā'āl-gād in the velley of Lebanon even unto the mount Hā'lāt, that goeth up to Sē'īr; which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Iş'rā-ēl for a possession according to their divisions; 8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hir'rites, the Am'ō-rites, and the Cā'nāan-ties, the Pēr'iz-zites, the Hir'vites, and the Jēb'ū-ṣītes:

9 The king of Jer'i-cho, one; the king of A'i, which is beside Beth-el, one; 10 The king of Jerusalem, one; the

king of He'bron, one;

11 The king of Jär'muth, one; the king of Lā'chish, one;

12 The king of Eg'lon, one; the king of Ge'zer, one;

13 The king of De'bîr, one; the king of Ge'der, one;

14 The king of Hôr'mah, one; the king of Ā'rād, one;

15 The king of Lib'nah, one; the king which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan of A-dul'lam, one;

16 The king of Mak-ke'dah, one: the

king of Beth-el, one

17 The king of Tap-pū'ah, one: the king of He'pher, one; 18 The king of A'phek, one; the king plain of Med'e-ba unto Di'bon:

of La-sha'ron, one; 10 The king of Ma'don, one; the king

of Ha'zŏr, one;

20 The king of Shim'ron-me'ron, one: the king of Ach'shaph, one:

21 The king of Ta'a-nach, one; the

king of Mē-gid'do, one; 22 The king of Ke'desh, one; the king

of Jok'nē-am of Car'mel, one: 23 The king of Dor in the coast of Dor.

one: the king of the nations of Gil'gal. one:

24 The king of Tir'zah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

CHAPTER 13

NOW Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.

2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Phi-lis'tines, and

all Ge-shu'ri,

3 From Si'hôr, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ek'ron northward, which is counted to the Carnăan-ite: five lords of the Phi-lis'tines; the Ga'zath-ites, and the Ash'doth-ites, the Esh'ka-lon-ites, the Git'tites, and the Ek'ron-ites; also the A'vites:

4 From the south, all the land of the Ca'năan-îtes, and Mē-a'rah that is beside the Sī-dō'nĭ-ans, unto A'phek, to

the borders of the Am'o-rites:

5 And the land of the Gib'lites, and all Lebanon toward the sunrising, from Bā'āl-găd under mount Hermon unto

the entering into Ha'math.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Mis're-photh-maim. and all the Sī-dō'nĭ-ănş, them will I drive out from before the children of Is'rā-ĕl: only divide thou it by lot unto the Iş'rā-ĕl-ites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the

half tribe of Ma-nas'seh.

8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, that were slain by them.

eastward, even as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them:

9 From A-ro'er, that is upon the bank of the river Ar'non, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the

10 And all the cities of Si'hon king of the Am'o-rites, which reigned in Hesh'bon, unto the border of the children of

Ammon:

11 And Gil'ë-ăd, and the border of the Gesh'ū-rītes and Mā-ach'a-thites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bā'shān unto Săl'câh;

12 All the kingdom of Og in Bā'shan. which reigned in Ash'ta-roth and in Ed'rē-ī, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite.

and cast them out.

13 Nevertheless the children of Is'rā-ĕl expelled not the Gesh'ū-rītes, nor the Mā-āch'à-thites: but the Gesh'ū-rites and the Ma-ach'a-thites dwell among the Is'rā-ĕl-ītes until this day.

14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD God of Is'ra-el made by fire are their inheritance, as he said unto

them.

15 ¶ And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben inheritance according to their families.

16 And their coast was from A-rō'ēr. that is on the bank of the river Ar'non. and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Měďě-bà;

17 Hesh'bon, and all her cities that are in the plain: Dī'bon, and Bā'moth-bā'al, and Beth'-ba'al-me'on.

18 And Ta-ha'za, and Ked'e-moth, and

Mĕph'a-āth.

19 And Kīr'jà-thā'im, and Sib'mah, and Zā'rĕth-shā'här in the mount of

the valley, 20 And Beth'-pe'or, and Ash'doth-

piş'gah, and Běth'-jěsh'i-moth,

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sī'hon king of the Am'o-rites, which reigned in Hesh'bon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Mid'i-an, E'vi, and Re'kem, and Zûr, and Hûr, and Re'ba, which were dukes of Si'hon, dwelling in the country

22 ¶ Bā'làam also the son of Bē'ŏr. the soothsaver, did the children of Is'ra-ĕl slav with the sword among them

23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

24 And Moses gave inheritance unto the tribe of Gad, even unto the children of Gad according to their families.

25 And their coast was Jā'zēr, and all the cities of Gil'e-ad, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto A-rō'ēr that is before Răb'bah:

26 And from Hěsh'bon unto Ra'mathmiz'peh, and Bet'o-nim; and from Ma' ha-na'im unto the border of De'bir;

27 And in the valley, Beth'-a'ram, and Běth'-nim'rah, and Suc'coth, and Za' phon, the rest of the kingdom of Sī'hon king of Hesh'bon, Jordan and his border, even unto the edge of the sea of Chin'në-rëth on the other side Jordan eastward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the

cities, and their villages.

29 ¶ And Moses gave inheritance unto the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh: and this was the possession of the half tribe of the children of Ma-nas'seh by their in mine heart. families.

30 And their coast was from Ma'hanā'im, all Bā'shan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bā'shān, and all the towns of Jā'īr, which are in Bā'shan, threescore

cities:

31 And half Gil'ē-ăd, and Ash'tà-röth, and Ed're-i, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bā'shān, were pertaining unto the children of Mā'chĭr the son of Mā-nās' seh, even to the one half of the children of Mā'chĭr by their families.

32 These are the countries which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Mo'ab, on the other side Jordan, by Jěr'i-chō, eastward.

33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the LORD God of Is'ra-ĕl was their inheritance, as he said unto them.

CHAPTER 14

AND these are the countries which the A children of Is'ra-el inherited in the land of Ca'naan, which El'e-a'zar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, distributed for inheritance to them.

2 By lot was their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe.

3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Le'vites he gave none inheritance among them.

4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Ma-nas'seh and E'phra-im therefore they gave no part unto the Le'vites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance.

5 As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did, and they

divided the land.

6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gil'găl: and Caleb the son of Jē-phun'něh the Kē'něz-īte said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kal dĕsh-bär'nē-à.

7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kā'desh-bar'nē-a to espy out the land and I brought him word again as it was

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying. Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God,

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Iş'rā-ĕl wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out,

and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the An'a-kim were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. 13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave

The inheritance of Judah. Caleb's part

unto Caleb the son of Je-phun'něh

Hē'bron for an inheritance.

14 He'bron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Tephun'nëh the Kë'nëz-ite unto this day: because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl.

15 And the name of He'bron before was Kīr'jāth-ar'ba; which Arba was a great man among the An'a-kim. And the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

WHIS then was the lot of the tribe of I the children of Judah by their fami-lies: even to the border of E'dom the wilderness of Zin southward was the uttermost part of the south coast.

2 And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that

looketh southward:

3 And it went out to the south side to Mā'a-lĕh-a-crăb'bim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kā'desh-bar'ne-a, and passed along to Hěz'ron, and went up to A'dar. and fetched a compass to Kär'kā-a:

4 From thence it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shall be your south

coast.

5 And the east border was the salt sea. even unto the end of Jordan. And their horder in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan:

6 And the border went up to Beth'hog'la, and passed along by the north of Beth'-ar'a-bah; and the border went up to the stone of Bo'han the son of

Reuben:

7 And the border went up toward Dē'bīr from the valley of A'chor, and so northward, looking toward Gil'gal, that is before the going up to A-dum'mim, which is on the south side of the river: and the border passed toward the waters of En-she'mesh, and the goings out thereof were at En-ro'gel:

8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hin'nom unto the south side of the Jěb'ū-şīte; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hin'nom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants north-

ward:

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Neph-to'ah, and went out to the cities of mount E'phron; and the border was drawn to Ba'a-lah, which is Kirjăth-jē'a-rim:

10 And the border compassed from Bā'a-lah westward unto mount Sē'ir. and passed along unto the side of mount Jē'à-rim, which is €hĕs'à-lŏn, on the north side, and went down to Beth'shē'mēsh, and passed on to Tim'nah:

11 And the border went out unto the side of Ek'ron northward: and the border was drawn to Shic'ron, and passed along to mount Ba'a-lah, and went out unto Jab'ne-el; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

12 And the west border was to the great sea, and the coast thereof. This is the coast of the children of Judah round

about according to their families.

13 C And unto Caleb the son of Tephun'nëh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Ar'ba the father of A'nak. which city is Hē'bron.

14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of A'nak, She'shai, and A-hi'man, and Tal'mai, the children of A'nak.

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Dē'bīr: and the name of Dê'bîr before was Kîr'jath-sê'phêr.

16 ¶ And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kīr'jāth-sē'phēr, and taketh it, to him will I give Ach'sah my daughter to wife.

17 And Oth'ni-ĕi the son of Kē'năz. the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Ach'sah his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field; and she lighted off her ass; and Caleb said unto her. What wouldest thou?

19 Who answered, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to

their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of E'dom southward were Kab'ze-el, and É'dēr, and Jā'gŭr,

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22 And Ki'nah, and Di-mo'nah, and Ăd'a-dàh,

23 And Kē'děsh, and Hā'zŏr, and Ith'năn,

24 Ziph, and Te'lem, and Be'a-loth, 25 And Ha'zor, Ha-dat'tah, and Keri-oth, and Hez'ron, which is Ha'zor, 26 A'măm, and Shē'ma, and Mŏl'a-

dah, 27 And Hā'zār-găd'dah, and Hĕsh'

mon, and Beth'-pa'let, 28 And Hā'zār-shu'ăl, and Bē'er-

shē'ba, and Bīz-joth'jah,

29 Bā'a-lah, and I'im, and A'zem, 30 And El-to'lad, and Che'sil, and Hôr'màh,

31 And Zik'läg, and Mäd-män'nah, and

Săn-săn'nah,

32 And Le-ba'oth, and Shil'him, and A'in, and Rim'mon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages:

33 And in the valley, Esh'tā-ŏl, and

Zô'rē-àh, and Āsh'nàh,

34 And Za-nō'ah, and Ĕn-gan'nim, Tap-pū'ah, and E'nam,

35 Jär'muth, and A-dul'lam, So'coh, and A-ze'kah, 36 And Sha-ra'im, and Ad'i-tha'im,

and Gē-dē'rah, and Gĕd'ē-rō-thā'im; fourteen cities with their villages: 37 Zē'năn, and Hà-dăsh'ah, and

Mīg'dăl-găd 38 And Dil'ē-ăn, and Miz'pěh, and

Jŏk'thē-ĕl.

39 Lā'ehīsh, and Böz'kāth, and Ēg'lön, 40 And Căb'bon, and Läh'măm, and Kĭth'lĭsh.

41 And Gē-dē'rŏth, Bĕth'-dā'gŏn, and Na'a-mah, and Mak-ke'dah; sixteen

cities with their villages:

42 Lib'nah, and E'ther, and A'shan, 43 And Jiph'tah, and Ash'nah, and and passeth along unto the borders of

Ne'zĭb, 44 And Ke-i'lah, and Ach'zib, and Marë'shah; nine cities with their villages: 45 Ek'ron, with her towns and her

villages: 46 From Ek'ron even unto the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their

villages:

47 Ashdod, with her towns and her villages; Gā'zā, with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border thereof:

48 ¶ And in the mountains, Shā'mīr,

and Jat'tir, and So'coh,

49 And Dán'nah, and Kîr'iath-san'nah. which is De'bir.

The cities within Judah's inheritance

50 And A'nab, and Esh'te-moh, and A'nim. 51 And Gö'shen, and Hö'lön, and Gi

löh; eleven cities with their villages: 52 Ar'ab, and Du'mah, and Esh'e-an

53 And Jā'num, and Běth'-tap'pū-ah, and A-phē'kah,

54 And Hum'tah, and Kir'jath-ar'ha. which is He'bron, and Zī'or; nine cities

with their villages: 55 Mā'on, Car'mel, and Ziph, and

Jŭťtáh,

56 And Jez're-el, and Jok'de-am, and Zà-nô'àh,

57 Cain, Gib'ē-ah, and Tim'nah; ten cities with their villages:

58 Hăl'hul, Běth'-zûr', and Gē'dor. 59 And Ma'a-rath, and Beth'-a'noth. and El'te-kon; six cities with their

villages: 60 Kīr'jāth-bā'āl, which is Kīr'jāthjē'a-rīm, and Răb'bah; two cities with

their villages. 61 In the wilderness, Beth'-ar'a-bah.

Mĭďdĭn, and Sē-cā'cah,

62 And Nib'shan, and the city of Salt, and En-ge'di; six cities with their villages.

63 T As for the Jeb'u-sites the inhabit. ants of Jerusalem, the children of Ju-dah could not drive them out: but the Jeb'ū-sites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

CHAPTER 16

AND the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jer'i-sho, unto the water of Jer'i-cho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jer'i-cho throughout mount Beth-el.

2 And goeth out from Beth-el to Luz.

Är'ehī to Āt'ā-rŏth,

3 And goeth down westward to the coast of Japh'le-ti, unto the coast of Běth'-hō'rŏn the nether, and to Gē'zēr: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

4 So the children of Joseph, Ma-nasseh and E'phra-im, took their in-

heritance.

5 T And the border of the children of E'phra-im according to their families was thus: even the border of their inheritance on the east side was At'a-rothăd'där, unto Běth'-hô'ron the upper;

6 And the border went out toward the sea to Mich'me-thah on the north side: and the border went about eastward it on the east to Ja-no'hah;

7 And it went down from Já-no'háh to At'a-roth, and to Na'a-rath, and came to Ter'i-chō, and went out at Jordan.

8 The border went out from Tap-pu'ah westward unto the river Ka'nah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of E'phra-im by their families.

9 And the separate cities for the children of E'phrā-im were among the inheritance of the children of Ma-nas'seh.

all the cities with their villages.

10 And they drave not out the Ca'naanītes that dwelt in Gē'zēr: but the Cā' năan-ites dwell among the E'phrā-imītes unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAPTER 17

HERE was also a lot for the tribe of Ma-nas'seh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph; to wit, for Ma'chir the firstborn of Ma-nas'seh, the father of Gil'ē-ad: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gil'ē-ad and Ba'shan.

2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Ma-nas'seh by their families: for the children of A'bi-ē'zēr, and for the children of He'lek, and for the children of As'ri-el, and for the children of Shē'chem, and for the children of He'pher, and for the children of Shē-mī'da: these were the male children of Ma-nas'seh the son of Joseph by their families.

3 ¶ But Zē-lō'phē-hăd, the son of Hē'phēr, the son of Gil'ē-ad, the son of Mā'chir, the son of Ma-nas'seh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mäh'lah, and Noah, Hog'lah, Mil'cah, and Tir'zah.

4 And they came near before El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren. Therefore, according to the commandment of the LORD, he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

5 And there fell ten portions to Manăs'sĕh, besides the land of Gil'ē-ăd and Ba'shan, which were on the other side Jordan;

unto Tā'ā-nāth-shī'lōh, and passed by had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Ma-nas'seh's sons had the land of Gil'e-ad.

> 7 ¶ And the coast of Mā-nās'sĕh was from Āsh'ēr to Mĭeh'mē-thah, that lieth before She'chem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the in-

habitants of En-tap'pū-äh.

8 Now Ma-nas'sen had the land of Táp-pũ'áh: but Táp-pũ'áh on the border of Ma-nas'seh belonged to the chil-

dren of E'phrā-im;

9 And the coast descended unto the river Kā'nāh, southward of the river: these cities of E'phrā-im are among the cities of Ma-nas'seh: the coast of Manăs'sĕh also was on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the

10 Southward it was E'phrā-im's, and northward it was Ma-nas'seh's, and the sea is his border; and they met together in Ash'er on the north, and in Is'sa-char

on the east.

11 And Ma-năs'sĕh had in Ĭs'sa-char and in Ash'er Beth'-she'an and her towns, and Ib'le-am and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En'-dôr and her towns, and the inhabitants of Ta'anach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Mē-gid'do and her towns, even three countries.

12 Yet the children of Ma-nas'seh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Ca'naan-ites would

dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Is'ra-ĕl were waxen strong, that they put the Ca'naan-ites to tribute; but

did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

15 And Toshua answered them. If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thy-self there in the land of the Per'iz-zītes and of the giants, if mount E'phra-im be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Toseph said. The hill is not enough for us: and all the Ca'naan-ites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both 6 Because the daughters of Ma-nas'seh they who are of Beth'-she'an and her towns, and theu who are of the valley of came again to Joshua to the host at

Těz'rē-ĕl.

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to E'phra-im and to Manăs'sĕh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot onlu:

18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Ca'naanites, though they have iron chariots, and

though they be strong.

CHAPTER 18

AND the whole congregation of the children of Iş'rā-el assembled together at Shi'loh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there: and the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the children of Is'rā-ĕl seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men for each tribe; and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Tudah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north. 6 Ye shall therefore describe the land

into seven parts, and bring the description hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God. 7 But the Le'vites have no part among you; for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance: and Gad, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Ma-nas'seh, have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the serv-

ant of the LORD gave them. 8 ¶ And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may

here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shī'löh.

9 And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by north bay of the salt sea at the south end

Shī'lōh. 10 Of And Joshua cast lots for them in Shi'loh before the LORD: and there Ioshua divided the land unto the chil-

dren of Is'ra-el according to their

divisions.

11 4 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jer'i-cho on the north side, and went up through the moun. tains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth'-a'ven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz which is Beth-el, southward; and the border descended to At'a-roth-a'dar. near the hill that lieth on the south side

of the nether Beth'-ho'ron.

14 And the border was drawn thence. and compassed the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that lieth be-fore Běth'-hō'rŏn southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kir'iathbā'al, which is Kīr'jāth-jē'a-rīm, a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter.

15 And the south quarter was from the end of Kir'iath-ie'a-rim, and the horder went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Neph-to'ah:

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hin'nom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hin'nom, to the side of Jeb'u-si on the south, and descended to En-ro'gel.

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-she'mesh, and went forth toward Ge-li'loth, which is over against the going up of A-dum'mim, and descended to the stone of Bo'han the son of Reuben,

18 And passed along toward the side over against Ar'a-bah northward, and

went down unto Ar'a-bah:

19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth'-hog'lah northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the cities into seven parts in a book, and of Jordan; this was the south coast.

the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jer'i-cho, and Beth'hog'lah, and the valley of Ke'ziz,

22 And Běth'-ăr'a-bah, and Zěm'a-

rā'im, and Beth-el,

23 And A'vim. Ŏph'rah,

24 And Chē'phär-hä-ăm'mō-naī, and Oph'nī, and Gā'bà; twelve cities with their villages:

25 Gib'e-on, and Ra'mah, and Be-e' rŏth,

26 And Miz'peh, and Che-phi'rah, and Mô'zah. 27 And Rē'kem, and Īr'pē-ĕl, and

Tăr'a-läh, 28 And Zē'lah, Ē'lĕph, and Jĕb'ū-sī, which is Jerusalem, Gib'e-ath, and Kīr'jāth; fourteen cities with their vil-This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

CHAPTER 19

AND the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Tudah.

2 And they had in their inheritance Bē'ēr-shē'bā, or Shē'ba, and Mŏl'a-dah. 3 And Hā'zar-shu'ăl, and Bā'lah, and

A'zĕm. 4 And El-to'lad, and Beth'ul, and

Hôr'màh, 5 And Zik'lag, and Beth'-mar'ca-both, and Hā'zār-su'sāh,

6 And Běth'-lē-bā'ŏth, and Shà-ru'hĕn; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 A'in, Rem'mon, and E'ther, and A'shan; four cities and their villages: 8 And all the villages that were round about these cities to Ba'a-lath-be'er, Rā'māth of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of

Simeon according to their families. 9 Out of the portion of the children of Tudah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon; for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them:

20 And Jordan was the border of it on their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

> 10 M And the third lot came up for the children of Zeb'ū-lun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sā'rīd:

> 11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Măr'a-läh, and reached to Dăb'ba-sheth, and reached to the river

> that is before Jok'ne-am; 12 And turned from Sa'rid eastward

and Pa'rah, and toward the sunrising unto the border of Chis'loth-ta'bor, and then goeth out to Dăb'ē-rāth, and goeth up to Ja-phī'a,

13 And from thence passeth on along on the east to Git'tah-he'pher, to Ittah-kā'zīn, and goeth out to Rēm'monměth'ō-är to Nê'ah:

14 And the border compasseth it on the north side to Han'na-thon; and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Jiph'

thàh-ĕl':

15 And Kăt'tăth, and Na-hăl'lăl, and Shim'ron, and Id'a-lah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zěb'ū-lŭn according to their families, these cities with their villages. 17 I And the fourth lot came out to Is'sa-char, for the children of Is'sa-char

according to their families.

18 And their border was toward Jezrē-ĕl, and Chē-sŭl'lŏth, and Shu'nĕm, 19 And Hăph'rā-im, and Shī'hön, and A-nā'hà-răth

20 And Răb'bith, and Kish'i-on, and A'bĕz.

21 And Rē'měth, and Ĕn-găn'nim, and En-had'dah, and Běth'-paz'zez; 22 And the coast reacheth to Tā'bŏr,

and Shā'ha-zī'mah, and Běth'-shê' mesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Tordan: sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Is'sa-char according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Ash'er ac-

cording to their families.

25 And their border was Hěl'kăth, and Hā'lī, and Bē'těn, and Åch'shaph,

26 And A-lăm'mē-lĕch, and Â'măd, and Mish'ē-ăl; and reacheth to Car'měl westward, and to Shi'hôr-lib'nath;

27 And turneth toward the sunrising to therefore the children of Simeon had Beth'-da'gon, and reacheth to Zeb' ulun, and to the valley of Jiph'thah-ël' toward the north side of Beth'-e'mek. and Në-i'ël, and goeth out to Ca'bul on the left hand.

28 And He'bron, and Re'hob, and Ham' mon, and Ka'nah, even unto great

Zī'don:

29 And then the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turneth to Ho'sah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast to Ach'zib:

30 Um'mah also, and A'phek, and Re'hob: twenty and two cities with their

villages.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ash'er according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 The sixth lot came out to the children of Năph'tà-li, even for the children of Năph'tà-li according to their

families.

33 And their coast was from He'leph, from Al'lon to Zā'a-nan'nim, and Ad'amī, Nē'kĕb, and Jăb'nē-ĕl, unto Lā'kŭm; and the outgoings thereof were at Jordan:

34 And then the coast turneth westward to Az'noth-ta'bor, and goeth out from thence to Huk'kok, and reacheth to Zĕb'ū-lŭn on the south side, and reacheth to Ash'er on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrising. 35 And the fenced cities are Zid'dim.

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36 And Ad'a-mah, and Ra'mah, and Hā'zŏr,

37 And Kē'desh, and Ed'rē-ī, and En-hā'zŏr

38 And I'ron, and Mīg'dăl-ĕl', Hō'rĕm, and Bĕth'-ā'năth, and Bĕth'-shē'mĕsh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naph'ta-li according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan ac-

cording to their families.

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zô'rah, and Esh'tā-ŏl, and Ir'she'mesh,

42 And Shā'a-lăb'bĭn, and Aj'a-lŏn,

and Jeth'lah,

Ěk'rŏn,

The inheritance of Naphtali and Dan

44 And El'te-keh, and Gib'be-thon. and Bā'a-lath,

45 And Jē'hūd, and Běn'ē-bē'rāk, and Găth'-rim'mon,

46 And Me'-jär'kon, and Rak'kon. with the border before Ja'phō.

47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Le'shem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Lē'shem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Is'ra-el gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked. even Tim'nath-se'rah in mount E'phraim: and he built the city, and dwelt

therein.

51 These are the inheritances, which El'ē-ā'zar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shi'loh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAPTER 20

HE LORD also spake unto Toshua.

2 Speak to the children of Is'ra-el, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand

of Moses:

3 That the slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 And if the avenger of blood pursue 43 And E'lon, and Thim'na-thah, and after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand; because he smote his neighbor unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 ¶ And they appointed Kē'desh in Galilee in mount Naph'ta-li, and She' chem in mount E'phra-im, and Kir'jathär'bå, which is He'bron, in the moun-

tain of Judah.

8 And on the other side Jordan by Jer'i-chō eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out tribe of the children of Simeon, these of the tribe of Reuben, and Ra'moth in Gil'ē-ad out of the tribe of Gad, and Go'lan in Ba'shan out of the tribe of Mà-năs'sĕh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Is'ra-el, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person at mawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

CHAPTER 21

HEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Le'vites unto El'e-a' zar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl:

2 And they spake unto them at Shi'löh in the land of Ca'naan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the

suburbs thereof for our cattle.

3 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl gave unto the Le'vites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these

cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Ko'hath-ites: and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of E'phrā-im, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of

Mà-năs'sĕh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Ger'shon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ís'sa-char, and out of the tribe of Ash'er, and out of the tribe of Năph'tà-lī, and out of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh in Bā'shan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Me-ra'rī by their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zeb'ū-lun, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl gave by lot unto the Le'vites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded

by the hand of Moses.

9 ¶ And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the cities which are here mentioned by name,

10 Which the children of Aaron, being of the families of the Ko'hath-ites, who were of the children of Levi, had: for

theirs was the first lot.

11 And they gave them the city of Ar'ba the father of A'nak, which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Je-phun'neh for his pos-

session.

13 ¶ Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hē'bron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Lib'nah with her suburbs.

14 And Jăt'tîr with her suburbs, and Ēsh'tē-mō'ā with her suburbs,

15 And Hô'lon with her suburbs, and Dē'bīr with her suburbs,

16 And A'in with her suburbs, and Jut'tah with her suburbs, and Beth'shē'mesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gib'ē-on with her suburbs, Gē'bà with

her suburbs.

18 An'a-thoth with her suburbs, and Al'mon with her suburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 M And the families of the children of Ko hath, the Le vites which remained of the children of Ko'hath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of E'phrā-im.

21 For they gave them She'chem with her suburbs in mount E'phrā-im, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Ge'zer with her suburbs.

22 And Kib-zā'im with her suburbs, and Běth'-hō'rŏn with her suburbs; four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, El'tēkěh with her suburbs, Gib'bē-thon with

her suburbs, 24 Åi'jà-lòn with her suburbs, Găth'rim'mon with her suburbs; four cities. 25 And out of the half tribe of Må-näs'

zš And out of the hair tripe of Ma-nassěh, Ta'năch with her suburbs, and Găth'-rīm'mòn with her suburbs; two

cities.

26 All the cities were ten with their suburbs for the families of the children

of Kō'hāth that remained.

27 ¶ And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levities, out
of the other half tribe of Ma-nas'sch
they gave Go'lan in Ba'shan with her
suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the
slayer; and Be-esh'-te-rah with her
suburbs; two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Is'sa-shar, Ki'shon with her suburbs, Dab'a-reh

with her suburbs.

29 Jär'müth with her suburbs, Engan'nim with her suburbs; four cities. 30 And out of the tribe of Ash'er, Misshäl with her suburbs, Ab'don with her suburbs.

31 Hěľkath with her suburbs, and Rê'hob with her suburbs; four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naph'tâ-li, Kê'dêsh in Galilee with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hām'möth-dôr' with her suburbs, and Kār'tān with her suburbs; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Ger'shon-ites according to their families were thirteen

cities with their suburbs.

34 ¶ And unto the families of the children of Mē-rā'rī, the rest of the Lê'vites, out of the tribe of Zĕb'ū-lūn, Jōk'nē-ăm with her suburbs, and Kär'tāh with her suburbs,

35 Dim'näh with her suburbs, Nä'håläl with her suburbs; four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Be'zer with her suburbs, and Ja-ha'zah with her suburbs.

37 Kĕd'ē-mŏth with her suburbs, and Mĕph'à-ăth with her suburbs; four

cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Rā'mŏth in Gil'ē-ād with her suburbs, to be a

city of refuge for the slayer; and Macha-na'im with her suburbs,

39 Hesh'bon with her suburbs, Ja'zer with her suburbs; four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Mē-rā'rī by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Lê' vites, were by their lot twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Le'vites within the possession of the children of Iş'rā-ēl were forty and eight cities with their suburbs.

42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus

were all these cities.

43 ¶ And the LORD gave unto Is'rā-ĕl all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and

dwelt therein.

44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

45 There failed not aught of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Is'rā-ĕI; all came to

pass.

CHAPTER 22

THEN Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh,

2 And said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you:

3 Ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the

LORD your God.

4 And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, and unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you

on the other side Jordan.

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

6 So Joshua blessed them, and sent

them away: and they went unto their the land of Gil'e-ad, and they spake

tents. 7 @ Now to the one half of the tribe of Ma-nas'seh Moses had given possession in Ba'shan: but unto the other half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he this day against the LORD? blessed them,

8 And he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies

with your brethren.

9 (And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Mà-năs'sĕh returned, and departed from the children of Is'ra-el out of Shilöh, which is in the land of Ca'naan, to go unto the country of Gil'e-ad, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 M And when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that are in the land of Ca'naan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Må-năs'sĕh built there an altar by Jor-

dan, a great altar to see to

11 ¶ And the children of Is'rā-ĕl heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Ma-năs'sĕh have built an altar over against the land of Ca'naan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Is'rā-ĕl.

12 And when the children of Is'ra-ĕl heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Is'ra-el gathered them-

war against them.

13 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Mà-năs'sĕh, into the land of Gil'ē-ăd, Phin'e-has the son of El'e-a'zar the priest,

14 And with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Iş'rā-ĕl; and each one was a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Iş'rā-ĕl.

15 C And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad. and to the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh, unto

with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebel

17 Is the iniquity of Pe'or too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD,

18 But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to-day against the LORD, that to-morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Is'ra-ël.

19 Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar besides the altar of the LORD our God.

20 Did not A'chăn the son of Zē'rah commit a trespass in the accursed thing. and wrath fell on all the congregation of Is'ra-el? and that man perished not

alone in his iniquity.

21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh answered, and said unto the heads of the thousands of Is'ra-el, 22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Iş'rā-ĕl he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)

23 That we have built us an altar to selves together at Shi'loh, to go up to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require it;

24 And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl?

25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ve have no part in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.

26 Therefore we said, Let us now

prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

27 But that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the Lord before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the Lord.

28 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say again, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it is a witness between us

and you.

29 God forbid that we should rebel against the Lord, and turn this day from following the Lord, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meat offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the Lord our God that is before his tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phin'ē-hās the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Iş'rā-ēl which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Mā-nās'sēh

spake, it pleased them.

31 And Phin's-has the son of Él's-a'zar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Ma-nas'sĕh, This day we perceive that the Lord is among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the Lord: now ye have delivered the children of Is'rā-ēl out of the hand of the Lord.

32 ¶ And Phin'ē-hās the son of Ēl'ē-ā' zār the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gil'ē-ād, unto the land of Cā'năan, to the children of Īṣ'rā-ĕi, and brought

them word again.

33 And the thing pleased the children of Iş'rā-ëi; and the children of Iş'rā-ëi blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar Ed: for it shall be a witness between us that the

LORD is God.

CHAPTER 23

AND it came to pass, a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Is ra-el from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.

2 And Joshua called for all Is'rā-ēl, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them. I am old and strick-

en in age:

3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.

5 And the LORD your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or

to the left;

7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

8 But cleave unto the LORD your God,

as ye have done unto this day.

9 For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong; but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath prom-

ised you.

11 Take good heed therefore unto your-selves, that ye love the LORD your God.
12 Else, if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they

shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God

hath given you.

14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you: so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the

LORD your God hath given you.

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ve shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

CHAPTER 24

AND Joshua gathered all the tribes of Is ra-ël to Shë'chem, and called for the elders of Iş'rā-ĕl, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented them- bow. selves before God

2 And Toshua said unto all the people. Thus saith the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Te'rah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nā'chor: and they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Ca'naan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him

Isaac.

4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and E'sau: and I gave unto E'sau mount Se'ir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

5 I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out.

Egypt: and ye came unto the sea: and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea.

7 And when they cried unto the LORD. he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long

season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Am'o-rites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroved them from before you.

9 Then Bā'lāk the son of Zip'por, king of Mo'ab, arose and warred against Is'ra-el, and sent and called Ba'laam

the son of Be'or to curse you:

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam, therefore he blessed you still: so

I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jěr'i-chō: and the men of Jěr'i-chō fought against you, the Am'o-rites, and the Per'iz-zites, and the Ca'naan-ites. and the Hit'tites, and the Gir'ga-shites, the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'ū-sites; and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And I sent the hornet before you. which drave them out from before you, even the two kings of the Am'o-rites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labor, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 W Now therefore fear the LORD. and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the

LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Am'ō-rītes, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the

6 And I brought your fathers out of LORD, to serve other gods;

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17 For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bond-age, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Am'o-rites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our

God.

19 And Toshua said unto the people. Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Toshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that we have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD

God of Iş'rā-ĕl.

24 And the people said unto Joshua The LORD our God will we serve, and

his voice will we obey.

the people that day, and set them a pertained to Phin'e-has his son, which statute and an ordinance in She'chem. was given him in mount E'phra-im.

Inshua maketh a covenant. His death

26 C And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said unto all the people. Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you. lest ve deny your God.

28 So Joshua let the people depart,

every man unto his inheritance.

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being a hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tim'nath-se'rah, which is in mount E'phra-im, on the

north side of the hill of Ga'ash.

31 And Is'rā-ĕl served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD. that he had done for Is'ra-ël.

32 ¶ And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Iş'rā-ĕl brought up out of Egypt, buried they in She'chem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Ha'mor the father of She' chem for a hundred pieces of silver; and it became the inheritance of the children

of Joseph.

33 And El'ē-ā'zar the son of Aaron
huried him in a hill that 25 So Joshua made a covenant with died; and they buried him in a hill that

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

CHAPTER 1

NOW after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Is'rā-ĕl asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Ca'naanites first, to fight against them?

2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go men. upe behold, I have delivered the land

into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Ca'naan-

ites: and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Ca'naan-ites and the Per'iz-zites into their hand: and they slew of them in Be'zek ten thousand

5 And they found A-do'nī-bē'zĕk in Bê'zĕk: and they fought against him, and they slew the Ca'naan-ites and the Pěr'ĭz-zītes.

6 But A-do'nī-bē'zěk fled; and they

cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And A-do'ni-be'zek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 Now the children of Judah had fought against Terusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword.

and set the city on fire.

9 (II And afterward the children of Tudah went down to fight against the Canăan-îtes, that dwelt in the mountain. and in the south, and in the valley.

10 And Judah went against the Canăan-îtes that dwelt in Hē'bron: now the name of He'bron before was Kiriăth-ar'ba: and they slew She'shai, and A-hī'măn, and Täl'maī.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of De'bir: and the name of Dē'bīr before was Kīr'jāth-sē'phēr:

12 And Caleb said. He that smiteth Kīr'jāth-sē'phēr, and taketh it, to him will I give Ach'sah my daughter to wife. 13 And Oth'ni-el the son of Ke'naz. Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Ach'sah his daughter to thereof unto this day. wife.

14 And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of off her ass; and Caleb said unto her,

What wilt thou?

15 And she said unto him. Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and

the nether springs.

16 ¶ And the children of the Kē'nīte. Moses' father-in-law, went up out of the Tudah into the wilderness of Tudah. which lieth in the south of A'rad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Ca'naan-ites that inhabited Ze'phath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city

was called Hôr'mah.

coast thereof, and As'ke-lon with the coast thereof, and Ek'ron with the coast thereof.

nursued after him, and caught him, and he drave out the inhabitants of the mountain: but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

> 20 And they gave He'bron unto Caleb. as Moses said; and he expelled thence

the three sons of A'nak.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Teb'ū-sites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jeb'ū-sites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Terusalem unto this day.

22 I And the house of Toseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and the

LORD was with them.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Beth-el. (Now the name of the

city before was Luz.)

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will show thee mercy.

25 And when he showed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hit'tites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name

27 ¶ Neither did Ma-nas'seh drive out the inhabitants of Beth'-she'an and her towns, nor Ta'a-nach and her towns, her father a field: and she lighted from nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ib'le-am and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Mē-gid'do and her towns: but the Ca' năan-îtes would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Iş'rā-ĕI was strong, that they put the Ca'naanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive

them out.

29 W Neither did E'phrā-im drive out city of palm trees with the children of the Ca'naan-ites that dwelt in Ge'zer; but the Cā'năan-ītes dwelt in Gē'zēr among them.

30 ¶ Neither did Zĕb'ū-lun drive out the inhabitants of Kit'ron, nor the inhabitants-of Nā'ha-lol; but the Ca'naanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 @ Neither did Ash'er drive out the 18 Also Judah took Gā'zā with the inhabitants of Ac'ehō, nor the inhabitants of Zi'don, nor of Ah'lab, nor of Aeh'zib, nor of Hel'bah, nor of A'phik, nor of Re'hob:

19 And the Lord was with Judah; and 32 But the Ash'er-Ites dwelt among the

Cā'năan-ītes, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 M Neither did Năph'tâ-lī drive out the inhabitants of Běth'-shê'měsh, nor the inhabitants of Beth'-a'nath; but he dwelt among the Ca'naan-ites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless, the inhabitants of Beth'-she'mesh and of Běth'-ā'năth became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Am'o-rites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to

the valley:

35 But the Am'o-rites would dwell in mount Hē'rēs in Āi'jā-lŏn, and in Shāăl'bim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributaries.

36 And the coast of the Am'o-rites was from the going up to Ak-rab'bim, from the rock, and upward.

CHAPTER 2

AND an Angel of the LORD came up from Gil'gal to Bō'chim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice; why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you: but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods

shall be a snare unto you.

4 And it came to pass, when the Angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Is'ra-el, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bö'chim: and they sacrificed there

unto the LORD.

6 ¶ And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Is'ra-ĕl went every man unto his inheritance to pos-

sess the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD. that he did for Is'rā-ĕl.

8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being a hundred

and ten years old.

his inheritance in Tim'nath-he'res, in the mount of E'phra-im, on the north side of the hill Ga'ash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers; and there arose another generation after them. which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Is'ra-el.

11 C And the children of Is'ra-el did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served

Bā'a-lim:

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed them-selves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and

served Ba'al and Ash'ta-roth.

14 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Iş'rā-el, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they

were greatly distressed.

16 Q Nevertheless the LORD raised up udges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them; they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in. obeying the commandments of the LORD: but they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the udge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and cor-rupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way

20 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was 9 And they buried him in the border of hot against Is'ra-el; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

22 That through them I may prove Is'rā-ĕl, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their

fathers did keep it, or not.

23 Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAPTER 3

NOW these are the nations which the Lord left, to prove Is'rā-ēl by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Cā'nāan;

2 Only that the generations of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl might know to teach them war, at the least such as before

knew nothing thereof;

3 Namely, five lords of the Phi-listines, and all the Ca'maan-ites, and the Si-do'ni-ans, and the Hr'vites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Ba'al-hēr'mon unto the entering in of Ha'māth.

4 And they were to prove Is'rā-ël by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 © And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl dwelt

among the Carnan-ites, Hit tites, and Am'o-rites, and Per'iz-zites, and Hit vites, and Jeb'ū-sites:

6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the children of Is'ra-el did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Ba'a-lim

and the groves.

8 ¶ Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Is/rā-ēl, and he sold them into the hand of chū'shān-rīsh'a-thā'im king of Mēs'ō-pō-tā'mi-à: and the children of Is/rā-ēl served Chū'shān-rīsh'a-thā'im eight years.

9 And when the children of Is ra-ei cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Is ra-ei, who delivered them, even Oth'ni-ei the son of Ke'naz, Calen's younger brother.

10 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Îş'rā-ĕl, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chū'shān-rīsh'ā-thā'im king of Mĕs'ō-pō-tā'mī-ā into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chū'shān-rīsh'ā-thā'im.

11 And the land had rest forty years: and Oth'ni-el the son of Ke'naz died.

12 ¶ And the children of Ĭṣ'rā-ēl did evil again in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord strengthened Ēg'lŏn the king of Mō'āb against Ĭṣ'rā-ēl, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord,

13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Am'a-lek, and went and smote Iş'rā-el, and possessed the

city of palm trees.

14 So the children of Is'rā-ĕl served Eg'lŏn the king of Mō'āb eighteen years. 15 But when the children of Is'rā-ĕl

15 But when the children of 1§ 7a-el cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, E'hūd the son of Gĕ 7a, a Benjamite, a man left-handed: and by him the children of Iş 7a-ĕl sent a present unto Eg Jōn the king of Mō 3b.

16 But E'hud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his

right thigh.

17 And he brought the present unto Eg'lön king of Mō'āb: and Eg'lön was a verv fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the peo-

ple that bare the present.

19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gil'gäl, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

20 And E'hud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlor, which he had for himself alone. And E'hud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

21 And E'hud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh,

and thrust it into his belly:

22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the far closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.

23 Then E'hud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlor

upon him, and locked them.

who delivered them, even Oth'ni-el the 24 When he was gone out, his servants son of Ke'naz, Caleb's younger brother. came; and when they saw that, behold,

the doors of the parlor were locked, they naph'ta-li, and said unto him, Hath not said, Surely he covereth his feet in his the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl commanded.

summer chamber.

25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlor; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, bethe earth.

26 And E'hud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries,

and escaped unto Se-i'rath.

27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of E'phrā-im, and the children of Is'ra-ĕl went down with him from the

mount, and he before them.

28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Mô'ăb-îtes into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Tordan toward Mo'ab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

29 And they slew of Mo'ab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valor; and there escaped not

a man.

30 So Mo'ab was subdued that day under the hand of Is'ra-el. And the land

had rest fourscore years.

31 M And after him was Sham'gar the son of A'nath, which slew of the Phi-listines six hundred men with an oxgoad: and he also delivered Iş'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 4

AND the children of Iṣ'rā-ĕl again did him, from Hà-rō'shĕth of the Gĕn'files evil in the sight of the LORD, when unto the river of Kī'shŏn.

E'hŭd was dead.

hand of Jā'bin king of Cā'năan, that reigned in Hā'zor; the captain of whose is not the LORD gone out before thee? host was Sis'ēr-a, which dwelt in Haro'sheth of the Gen'tiles.

3 And the children of Is'ra-ĕl cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of

4 ¶ And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lap'i-doth, she judged Iş'ra-ĕl

at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah, between Rā'mah and Bethel in mount E'phrä-im: and the children of Iş'rā-ĕl came up to her for judgment.

son of A-bin'ō-am out of Ke'desh- ber the Ke'nite: for there was peace

saying, Go and draw toward mount Ta'bor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naph'ta-li and of the children of Zeb'ū-lun?

7 And I will draw unto thee, to the river hold, their lord was fallen down dead on Ki'shon, Sis'er-a the captain of Ja'bin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine

8 And Bā'rāk said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor: for the LORD shall sell Sis'er-a into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose. and went with Bā'rāk to Kē'dĕsh.

10 ¶ And Bā'rāk called Zĕb'ū-lŭn and Năph'tà-li to Kē'děsh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet; and

Deborah went up with him.

11 Now He'ber the Ke'nite, which was of the children of Ho'bab the father-inlaw of Moses, had severed himself from the Kē'nītes, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zā'a-nā'm, which is by Kë'dësh.

12 And they showed Sis'er-a that Ba' rak the son of A-bin'o-am was gone up

to mount Tā'bor.

13 And Sis'er-à gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with

14 And Deborah said unto Bā'rāk, Up: 2 And the LORD sold them into the for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sis'er-a into thine hand: So Bā'rāk went down from mount Ta'bor, and ten thousand men after

him.

15 And the LORD discomfitted Sis'er-à. and all his chariots, and all his host. with the edge of the sword before Barăk; so that Sis'er-a lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Ba'rak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Ha-ro' sheth of the Gen'tiles: and all the host of Sis'er-a fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit Sis'er-a fled away on his 6 And she sent and called Barak the feet to the tent of Jarel the wife of Hethe house of He'ber the Ke'nite.

18 ¶ And Jā'ĕl went out to meet walked through byways. Sis'ēr-a, and said unto him, Turn in, 7 The inhabitants o my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered

him.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that

thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jā'ĕl Hē'bēr's wife took a nail of the tent, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22 And, behold, as Ba'rak pursued Sis'er-a. Ja'el came out to meet him. and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sis'er-a lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day Ta'bin the king of Ca'naan before the children

of Is'rā-ël.

24 And the hand of the children of Ĭs'rā-ĕl prospered, and prevailed against Ja'bin the king of Ca'naan, until they had destroyed Ja'bin king of Ca'naan.

CHAPTER 5

HEN sang Deborah and Bā'rāk the son of A-bin'o-am on that day, saying,

2 Praise ve the LORD for the avenging of Is'ra-el, when the people willingly

offered themselves.

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I. even I, will sing unto the LORD: I will sing braise to the LORD God

of Is'ra-ĕl.

4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Se'ir, when thou marchedst out of the field of E'dom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Si'nai from before the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl.

6 In the days of Sham'gar the son of took no gain of money.

between Jā'bin the king of Hā'zor and A'nath, in the days of Jā'el, the highways were unoccupied, and the travelers

7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Is'rā-el, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Îs'rā-ĕl.

8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Iş'rā-ĕl? 9 My heart is toward the governors of Is'rā-ĕl, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the

11 They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Iş'rā-ĕl: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

12 Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song: arise, Bā'rāk, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of

A-bin'o-ăm.

13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 Out of E'phrā-im was there a root of them against Am'a-lek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Mā'chir came down governors, and out of Zeb'ū-lun they that handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Is'sa-char were with Deborah; even Is'sa-char, and also Bā'rāk: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? For the divisions of Reuben there were

great searchings of heart.

17 Gil'ē-ăd abode beyond Tordan; and why did Dan remain in ships? Ash'er continued on the seashore, and abode in his breaches.

18 Zĕb'ū-lŭn and Năph'tà-lī were a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came and fought; then fought the kings of Ca'naan in Ta'anăch by the waters of Mē-gid'dō; they

20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sis'er-a. 21 The river of Ki'shon swept them

away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

22 Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the prancings, the them;

prancings of their mighty ones.

the LORD, curse ve bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed above women shall Ta'el the wife of Hē'bēr the Kē'nīte be; blessed shall she be above women in

the tent.

25 He asked water, and she gave him milk: she brought forth butter in a

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sĭs'ēr-à, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down

dead.

28 The mother of Sis'er-a looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice. Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself.

30 Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey; to every man a damsel or two; to Sis'er-a a prey of divers colors, a prey of divers colors of needlework, of divers colors of needlework on both sides, meet for the necks of them that take the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty

years.

CHAPTER 6

AND the children of Is'rā-ĕl did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Mĭd'ĭ-ăn seven years.

against Iş'rā-ĕl: and because of the hands of the Mid'i-an-ites.

Mid'i-an-ites the children of Is'ra-el made them the dens which are in the mountains, and caves, and strongholds.

3 And so it was, when Is'ra-el had sown, that the Mid'i-an-ites came up. and the Am'a-lek-ites, and the children of the east, even they came up against

4 And they encamped against them, 23 Curse ye Me'roz, said the angel of and destroyed the increase of the earth. till thou come unto Ga'za, and left no sustenance for Is'ra-el, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to de-

strov it.

6 And Is'rā-ĕl was greatly impoverished because of the Mid'i-an-ites: and the children of Is'ra-el cried unto the Lord.

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Iş'rā-ĕl cried unto the LORD

because of the Mid'i-an-ites.

8 That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Is'ra-el, which said unto them. Thus saith the LORD God of Ĭş'rā-ĕl, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;

10 And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Am' ō-rītes, in whose land ve dwell: but ve

have not obeyed my voice.

11 I And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Oph'rah, that pertained unto Jo'ash the A'bi-ez'rīte: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Mid'i-an-ites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valor.

13 And Gideon said unto him, O my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath 2 And the hand of Mid'i-an prevailed forsaken us, and delivered us into the 14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Iş'rā-ĕl from the hand of the Mid'i-ān-ites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, O my Lord, wherewith shall I save Is'rā-ĕl? behold, my family is poor in Mā-nās'sh, and I am the least in my father's house. 16 And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite

the Mid'i-an-ites as one man.

17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

In and Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an Finah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the

oak, and presented it.

20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and nour out the broth. And he did so.

21 Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the Lorn, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord Goo! for because I have seen an angel of the Lord face to face.

23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehoyahsha'lòm: unto this day it is yet in Oph'

rah of the A'bi-ez'rites.

25 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young builock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Bā'āl that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:

26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the

wood of the grove which thou shalt cut

down.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 ¶ And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Ba'al was cast down, and the grove was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the

altar that was built.

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Jo'ash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Jō'ash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Bā'al, and because he hath cut down

the grove that was by it.

31 And Jō'āsh said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Bā'āl' will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him he put to death whilst it is yet morning; if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day he called him Jer' ub-ba'al, saying, Let Ba'al plead against him, because he hath thrown

down his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Mid'ī-ăn-ites and the Am'ā-lêk-ites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jēz'rē-ĕl.

34 But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Ā'bǐ-ē'zēr was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Mā-nās'sēh; who also was gathered after him; and he sent messengers unto Ash'ēr, and unto Zēb'ū-lūn, and unto Nāph'tā-lī; and they came up to meet them.

36 ¶ And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Is'rā-ĕl by mine hand, as

thou hast said,

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and if be dry upon all the earth be-sides, then shall I know that thou wilt save Is ra-el by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose up early

on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the

fleece, a bowlful of water.

39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was

dew on all the ground.

CHAPTER 7

THEN Jer'ub-ba'al, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Ha'rod: so that the host of the Mid'i-an-ites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Mō'reh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Mid'i-ăn-ites into their hands, lest Iş'rā-ël vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own

hand hath saved me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosover is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gil'é-ād. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall

not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees

to drink water.

7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Mid'i-an-ites

into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of [\$'\text{s'}\text{al'}\text{el'}\text{ever}\text{man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Mid'ī\text{-an was beneath him in the vailev.}

9 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phū'rah thy servant down to the

host:

11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phū'rāh his servant unto the outside of the armed men that were in the host.

12 And the Mid'i-ăn-ites and the Am' à-lēk-ītes and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the see

side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Mid'i-ăn, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Jo'ash, a man of İs'rā-el: for into his hand hath God delivered Mid'i-an, and all the host.

15 ¶ And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Iş'ra-ël, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Mid'i-ān.

16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the

pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the

trumpets also on every side of all the the princes of Mid'i-an, O'reb and camp, and say, The sword of the LORD,

and of Gideon.

19 @ So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword

of the LORD, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the

host ran, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fied to Běth'-shit'tah in Zer'e-rath, and to the horder of A'běl-mē-hō'lah, unto Tăb' hàth.

23 And the men of Is'ra-ĕl gathered themselves together out of Naph'ta-li, and out of Ash'er, and out of all Ma-nasseh, and pursued after the Mid'i-an-

24 ¶ And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount E'phrā-im, saying, Come down against the Mid'i-an-ites, and take before them the waters unto Běth'-bā'rah and Jordan. Then all the men of E'phrā-im gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Běth'-ba'rah and Jordan.

25 And they took two princes of the Mid'i-an-ites, O'reb and Ze'eb; and they slew O'reb upon the rock O'reb. and Ze'eb they slew at the winepress of Ze'eb, and pursued Mid'i-an, and brought the heads of O'reb and Ze'eb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

CHAPTER 8

AND the men of E'phrā-im said unto A him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Mid'i-an-ites? And they did chide with him sharply.

2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of E'phrā-im better than the vintage of A'bi-e'zer?

Ze'eb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said

4 I And Gideon came to Tordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, vet pur-

suing them.

5 And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me: for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Ze'bah and Zăl-mun'na, kings of Mid'i-ăn.

6 4 And the princes of Suc'coth said. Are the hands of Zē'bah and Zal-mun'na now in thine hand, that we should give

bread unto thine army?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Ze'bah and Zalmun'na into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.

8 ¶ And he went up thence to Pēnu'el, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Pe-nu'el answered him as the men of Suc'coth had answered

9 And he spake also unto the men of Pē-nū'ĕl, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 ¶ Now Zē'bàh and Zăl-mun'nà were in Kär'kor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.

11 T And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of No'bah and Jog'be-hah, and smote the host: for the host was secure.

12 And when Zē'bāh and Zăl-mun'nā fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Mid'i-an, Ze'bah and Zăl-mun'na, and discomfited all the host.

13 ¶ And Gideon the son of Jō'āsh returned from battle before the sun was

14 And caught a young man of the men of Suc'coth, and inquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Suc'coth, and the elders thereof, even threescore and seventeen men.

15 And he came unto the men of Suc. coth, and said, Behold Ze'bah and Zal-3 God hath delivered into your hands mun'na, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, Are the hands of Zē'bah and Zāl-mun'na now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness, and briers, and with them he taught the men of

Sŭc'cŏth.

17 And he beat down the tower of Pē-nū'ěl, and slew the men of the

city.

18 ¶ Then said he unto Ze'bāh and Zāl-mun'nā, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tā'bōr'. And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king.

19 And he said, They were my brethren, even the sons of my mother: as the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive,

I would not slay you.

20 And he said unto Je'ther his firstborn, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, be-

cause he was yet a youth.

21 Then Zē'bāh and Zāl-mun'na said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zē'bāh and Zāl-mun'na, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

22 Then the men of Iş'rā-ĕl said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand

of Mid'i-ăn.

23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

24 ¶ And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were ish mā-ĕi-ītes.) 25 And they answered, We will will-

ingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man

the earrings of his prey.

26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; besides ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Mid'i-an, and besides the chains that were about their camels' necks.

27 And Gideon made an eph'od thereof, and put it in his city, even in Oph'

rah: and all Is'ra-el went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

28 ¶ Thus was Mid'i-an subdued before the children of Is'rā-ĕl, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 ¶ And Jĕr' ŭb-bā'āl the son of Jō' ash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine that was in She' chem, she also bare him a son, whose

name he called A-bim'ë-lech.

32 ¶ And Gideon the son of Jō'āsh died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Jō'āsh his father, in Oph'rāh of the Ā'bī-ēz'rītes.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of fs'rā-ĕl turned again, and went a whoring after Bā'ā-līm, and made Bā'āl-

be rith their god.

34 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

35 Neither showed they kindness to the house of Jer'ub-ba'al, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had showed unto Is'ra-ël.

CHAPTER 9

AND A-bim'ē-lēch the son of Jēr'ŭhbā'āl went to Shē'chēm unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of She'chem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jer'üb-bā'āl, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shëchëm all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow A-bim'e-lech; for they

said, He is our brother.

4 And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Ba'āl-bē'rīth, wherewith Ā-bim'ē-lĕth hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

5 And he went unto his father's house

at Oph'rah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jer'ub-ba'al, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding, yet Jo'tham the youngest son of Jer'ub-ba'al was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of She'chem gathered together, and all the house of Mil'lo, and went and made A-bim'elech king, by the plain of the pillar that

was in Shē'chem.

7 (II And when they told it to Jo'tham, he went and stood in the top of mount Ger'i-zim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shē'chēm, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honor God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees said to the fig tree,

Come thou, and reign over us.

11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the vine.

Come thou, and reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us.

15 And the bramble said unto the trees. If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow; and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made A-bim'ē-lĕch king, and if ye have dealt well with Jer'ub-ba'al and his house. and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands:

17 (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered

you out of the hand of Mid'i-an:

18 And ye are risen up against my lech, Increase thine army, and come father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made A-bimē-leeh, the son of his maidservant, king E'bed, his anger was kindled.

over the men of She'chem, because he

is your brother:)

19 If we then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jer'ub-ba'al and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in A-bim'ē-lech, and let him also rejoice in you:

20 But if not, let fire come out from A-bim'ē-lĕch, and devour the men of She'chem, and the house of Mil'lo: and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Mil'lo, and devour A-bim'ē-lēch.

21 And To'tham ran away, and fled, and went to Be'er, and dwelt there, for fear of A-bim'e-lech his brother.

22 When A-bim'e-lech had reigned

three years over Iş'rā-ĕl,

23 Then God sent an evil spirit between A-bim'e-lech and the men of Shē'chem; and the men of Shē'chem dealt treacherously with A-bim'e-lech:

24 That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of Jer'ub-ba'al might come, and their blood be laid upon A-bim'ë-lëch their brother, which slew them, and upon the men of She'chem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.

25 And the men of Shē'chem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told À-bim'ē-lĕch.

26 And Ga'al the son of E'bed came with his brethren, and went over to Shē'chēm: and the men of Shē'chēm

put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields. and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed A-bim'e-lech.

28 And Ga'al the son of E'bed said Who is A-bim'ē-lech, and who is She' chem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jer'ub-ba'al? and Ze'bul his officer? serve the men of Ha'mor the father of Shē'chem: for why should we serve him?

29 And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove A-bim'ē-lech. And he said to A-bim'ē-

30 ¶ And when Zē'bŭl the ruler of the city heard the words of Ga'al the son of

31 And he sent messengers unto A-bim'e-lech privily, saying, Behold, Ga'al the son of E'bed and his brethren be come to Shë'chëm; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee.

32 Now therefore up by night, thou and

wait in the field:

33 And it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city; and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

34 ¶ And A-bim'ē-lěch rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against She'

chem in four companies.

35 And Gā'āl the son of E'bĕd went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and A-bim'e-lech rose up, and the people that were with him, from lying in wait.

36 And when Ga'al saw the people, he said to Ze'bul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zê'bul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they

were men.

37 And Gā'ăl spake again and said. See, there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Me-

ŏn'ē-nim.

38 Then said Ze'bul unto him. Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst. Who is A-bim'e-lech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Ga'al went out before the men of Shë'chëm, and fought with A-bim'ë-

40 And A-bim'ē-leeh chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, even unto the entering of the gate.

41 And A-bim'ē-lech dwelt at A-rumáh: and Zē'bŭl thrust out Gā'ăl and his brethren, that they should not dwell

in Shē'chĕm.

42 And it came to pass on the morrow. that the people went out into the field;

and they told A-bim'e-lech.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people were come forth out of

the city: and he rose up against them.

and smote them.

44 And A-bim'e-lech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two other companies ran the people that is with thee, and lie in upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them.

45 And A-bim'ē-lech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was therein. and beat down the city, and sowed it

with salt.

46 I And when all the men of the tower of She'chem heard that, they entered into a hold of the house of the god Be'rĭth.

47 And it was told A-bim'e-lech, that all the men of the tower of She'chem

were gathered together.

48 And A-bim'e-leeh gat him up to mount Zal'mon, he and all the people that were with him; and A-bim'e-lech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed A-bim'e-lech, and put them to the hold. and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 Then went A-bim'ē-lech to The! bez, and encamped against The bez.

and took it.

51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.

52 And A-bim'e-lech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn

it with fire.

53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon A-bim'ē-lech's head.

and all to brake his skull.

54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armor-bearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Iş'rā-ĕl saw

that A-bim'ē-lech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 C Thus God rendered the wickedness of A-bim'e-leeh, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren:

57 And all the evil of the men of She' chem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jer'ub-ba'al.

CHAPTER 10

AND after A-bim'ē-lēch there arose to defend İş'rā-ĕl Tō'la the son of pū'ah, the son of Dō'dō, a man of Is'sa-char; and he dwelt in Sha'mir in mount E'phra-im.

2 And he judged Ĭş'rā-ĕl twenty and three years, and died, and was buried

in Shā'mīr.

3 C And after him arose Ja'īr, a Gil'ēăd-īte, and judged İş'rā-ĕl twenty and

two years.

4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Ha'voth-ja'ir unto this day, which are in the land of Gil'ē-ăd.

5 And Ta'ir died, and was buried in encamped in Miz'peh.

Cā'mŏn.

6 C And the children of Is'ra-el did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Ba'a-lim, and Ash'ta-roth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zi'don, and the gods of Mo'ab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Phi-lis'tines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Is'rā-ĕl, and he sold them into the hands of the Phi-lis'tines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

8 And that year they yexed and oppressed the children of Is'ra-el: eighteen years, all the children of Is'ra-el that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Am'o-rites, which is in Gil'ē-ăd.

9 Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and

Îs'rā-ĕl was sore distressed.

10 ¶ And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Bā'a-lim.

11 And the LORD said unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl. Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Am'o-rites. from the children of Ammon, and from the Phi-lis'tines?

12 The Zī-dō'nĭ-ăns also, and the Ama-lek-ites, and the Ma'on-ites, did oppress you; and ve cried to me, and I de-

livered you out of their hand.

13 Yet ve have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.

14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the

time of your tribulation.

15 ¶ And the children of Is'rā-ĕl said unto the LORD. We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this

16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery

of Is'rā-ĕl.

17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gil'ē-ad. And the children of Îş'rā-ĕl assembled themselves together, and

18 And the people and princes of Gil'ē-ad said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gil'e-ad.

CHAPTER 11

TOW Jeph'thah the Gil'e-ad-ite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a harlot: and Gil'e-ad begat Jĕph'thah.

2 And Gil'ē-ăd's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jeph'thah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house: for thou art the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Jeph'thah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob; and there were gathered vain men to Jeph-

thah, and went out with him.

4 ¶ And it came to pass in process of against the house of E'phra-im; so that time, that the children of Ammon made

war against İş'rā-ĕl.

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Is'rā-ĕl, the elders of Gil'ē-ad went to fetch Teph'than out of the land of Tob:

6 And they said unto Jeph'thah, Come,

and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jeph'thah said unto the elders of Gil'ē-ad. Did not ve hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ve come unto me now when ve are in distress?

8 And the elders of Gil'ē-ăd said unto Teph'thah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the in-

habitants of Gil'e-ad. 9 And Tenh'than said unto the elders of Gil'ē-ăd, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon,

and the LORD deliver them before me. shall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gil'e-ad said unto Jeph'thah, The LORD be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

11 Then Jeph'thah went with the elders of Gil'e-ad, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jeph'thah uttered all his words before the LORD in Miz'peh.

12 ¶ And Jeph'thah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jeph'thah, Because Iş'ra-el took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Ar'non even unto Jab' bok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.

14 And Jeph'thah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of

Ammon:

15 And said unto him, Thus saith Jěph'thah, Îş'rā-ĕl took not away the land of Mo'ab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Is'rā-ĕl came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to

Kā'dĕsh:

17 Then Is'rā-ĕl sent messengers unto the king of E'dom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of E'dom would not hearken thereto. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Mo'ab; but he would not consent: and Iş'rā-ĕl abode in Kā'děsh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of E'dom, and the land of Mô'ab, and came by the east side of the land of Mo'ab. and pitched on the other side of Ar'non. but came not within the border of Mô'ăb: for Ar'non was the border of Mō'ăb.

19 And Ĭş'rā-ĕl sent messengers unto Sī'hon king of the Am'o-rites, the king of Hesh'bon; and Is'ra-el said unto him. Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy

land into my place.

20 But Sī'hon trusted not Is'rā-ĕi to pass through his coast: but Si'hon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jā'haz, and fought against Iş'rā-ĕl.

21 And the LORD God of Is'ra-el delivered Sī'hon and all his people into the hand of Is'ra-el, and they smote them: so Is'ra-el possessed all the land of the Am'o-rites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they possessed all the coasts of the Am'o-rites, from Ar'non even unto Jăb'bŏk, and from the wilderness even

unto Jordan.

23 So now the LORD God of Iş'rā-ēl hath dispossessed the Am'ō-rītes from before his people Iş'rā-ĕl, and shouldest thou possess it?

24 Wilt not thou possess that which Chē'mosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us. them will we possess.

25 And now art thou any thing better than Bā'lāk the son of Zīp'pŏr, king of Mô'ăb? did he ever strive against Is-

rā-ĕl, or did he ever fight against them. 26 While İş'rā-ĕl dwelt in Hĕsh'bŏn and her towns, and in A-rô'er and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Ar'non, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover them within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Is'ra-el and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not unto the words of Jeph'thah which he sent him.

29 ¶ Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jeph'thah, and he passed over Gil'e-ad, and Ma-nas'seh, and passed over Miz'pěh of Gil'ē-ād, and from

the children of Ammon. 30 And Jeph'thah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into

mine hands. 31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a

hurnt offering.

32 (So Jeph'thah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into

his hands.

33 And he smote them from A-ro'er. even till thou come to Min'nith. even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vinevards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Is'ra-el.

34 C And Jeph'thah came to Miz'peh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor

daughter.

35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

36 And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the

children of Ammon.

37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her vir-

ginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in

40 That the daughters of Iş'rā-ĕl went

Miz'peh of Gil'e-ad he passed over unto yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthan the Gil'e-ad-ite four days in a

CHAPTER 12

∧ND the men of E'phrā-ĭm gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Teph'thah. Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

2 And Teph'than said unto them. I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ve delivered me not out of their

hands.

3 And when I saw that ve delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Jeph'than gathered together all the men of Gil'e-ad, and fought with E'phrā-im: and the men of Gil'ē-ad smote E'phrā-im, because they said, Ye Gil'ē-ăd-îtes are fugitives of E'phrā'im among the E'phra-im-ites, and among the Ma-nas'sites.

5 And the Gil'e-ad-ites took the passages of Jordan before the E'phra-imites: and it was so, that when those E'phrā-im-ites which were escaped said, Let me go over, that the men of Gil'ē-ad said unto him, Art thou an E'phrā-im-ite? If he said, Nay;

6 Then said they unto him. Say now Shib'bō-leth: and he said Sib'bō-leth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Tordan; and there fell at that time of the E'phra-im-ites

forty and two thousand.

7 And Jeph'thah judged Is'rā-el six years. Then died Jeph'than the Gil'ead-ite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gil'ē-ăd

3 And after him Ib'zan of Beth-lehem

judged Is'rā-ĕl.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Îş'rā-ĕl seven

10 Then died Ib'zan, and was buried at

Beth-lehem.

11 ¶ And after him E'lon, a Zĕb'ū-

An angel cometh to Manoah and his wife

and was buried in Ai'ia-lon in the country of Zĕb'ū-lŭn.

13 C And after him Ab'don the son of Hĭl'lĕl. a Pĭr'a-thŏn-īte, judged Ĭş'rā-ĕl.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Iş'rā-ĕl eight years.

15 And Ab'don the son of Hil'lel the Pĭr'a-thŏn-ite died, and was buried in Pĭr'a-thŏn in the land of E'phrā-im, in the mount of the Am'a-lek-ites.

CHAPTER 13

ND the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Phi-lis'tines forty years.

2 ¶ And there was a certain man of Zo'rāh, of the family of the Dan'ites, whose name was Ma-no'ah; and his

wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her. Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee. and drink not wine nor strong drink. and eat not any unclean thing:

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Iş'rā-ĕl out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

6 I Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to

the day of his death.

8 Then Ma-no'ah entreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Mà-nō'ah; and the angel of God came seen God.

lön-īte, judged Ĩṣ'rā-ĕl; and he judged again unto the woman as she sat in the Iṣ'rā-ĕl ten years.

12 And Ē'lön the Zĕb'ū-lön-īte died, not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath anpeared unto me, that came unto me the

other day.

11 And Má-nō'āh arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am.

12 And Ma-no'ah said, Now let the words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto

13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Ma-no'ah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean

thing: all that I commanded her let her observe. 15 ¶ And Má-nō'āh said unto the

angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made

ready a kid for thee. 16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Må-no'ah, Though thou detain me. I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Ma-nō'ah knew not

that he was an angel of the LORD. 17 And Ma-no'ah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may

do thee honor?

18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus aftermy

name, seeing it is secret?

19 So Mà-nô'àh took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously: and Ma-no'ah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar: and Mà-nō'áh and his wife looked on it. and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Mà-nō'ah and to his wife. Then Mà-nō'ah knew that he was

an angel of the LORD.

22 And Má-no'ah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have

23 But his wife said unto him. If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have showed us all these things, nor would as at this time have told us such things as these.

24 Cl And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan hetween Zô'rah and Esh'tā-ŏl.

CHAPTER 14

AND Samson went down to Tim'nath. A and saw a woman in Tim'nath of the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines.

2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said. I have seen a woman in Tim'nath of the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines: now therefore get her

for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philis'tines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Phi-lis' tines: for at that time the Phi-lis'tines

had dominion over Is'rā-ĕl.

5 I Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Tim'nath. and came to the vineyards of Tim'nath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson

well.

8 I And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father

taken the honey out of the carcass of the

10 T So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men

11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty com-

panions to be with him.

12 I And Samson said unto them. I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ve give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may

hear it.

14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the

riddle.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so?

16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people. and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it

17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of

her people.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 If And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ash' ke-lon, and slew thirty men of them, and and mother, and he gave them, and they took their spoil, and gave change of gardid eat; but he told not them that he had ments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

20 But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

CHAPTER 15

BUT it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.

2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her: therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take

her. I pray thee, instead of her.

3 ¶ And Samson said concerning them. Now shall I be more blameless than the Phi-lis'tines, though I do them a displeasure.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in

the midst between two tails.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Phi-lis'tines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives

6 Then the Phi-lis'tines said, Who hath done this? And they answered. Samson, the son-in-law of the Tim'nite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Phi-lis' tines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be was in the jaw, and there came water avenged of you, and after that I will thereout; and when he had drunk, his

8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock E'tăm.

9 Then the Phi-lis'tines went up. and pitched in Judah, and spread them-

selves in Lē'hī.

10 And the men of Tudah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come unto her. up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock E'tam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Phi-lis'tines are rulers over us?

And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

12 And they said unto him. We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philis'tines. And Samson said unto them. Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me vourselves.

13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up

from the rock.

14 I And when he came unto Le'hi, the Phi-lis'tines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

16 And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand

17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Rā'măth-lē'hī.

18 C And he was sore athirst, and called. on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

19 But God clave a hollow place that spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof Ĕn-hāk'kō-rē, which is in Lē'hī unto this day.

20 And he judged Is'ra-ĕl in the days of the Phi-lis'tines twenty years.

CHAPTER 16

HEN went Samson to Ga'za, and I saw there a harlot, and went in

2 And it was told the Gā'zītes, saving. Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the mornwhat is this that thou hast done unto us? ing, when it is day, we shall kill him.

3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of a hill that is before He'bron.

4 ¶ And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sō'rĕk, whose name was Dē-li'lah.

5 And the lords of the Phi-lis'fines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.

6 ¶ And Dē-li'lah said to Samson, Tellme, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withes that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

8 Then the lords of the Phi-lis'tines brought up to her seven green withes which had not been dried, and she

bound him with them.

9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Phi-lis'tines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withes, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

10 And Dē-li'lah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and he

as another man.

12 Dē-li'lāh therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Phi-lis' tines be upon thee, Samson. And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Dē-li'lāh said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

14 And she fastened it with the pin.

and said unto him, The Phi-lis'tines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

15 ¶ And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? Thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed

unto death:

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and he like any other man.

18 And when Dē-li'lāh saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Phi-lis'tines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath showed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Phi-lis'tines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from

him.

20 And she said, The Phī-lis'tīneş be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 ¶ But the Phi-lis'fines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Ga'za, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the

prison house.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 Then the lords of the Phi-lis'fines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Da'gon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

25 And it came to pass, when their

hearts were merry, that they said, Call a molten image: now therefore I will for Samson, that he may make us And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport; and they set him between the pillars.

26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon

them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Phi-listines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made

28 And Samson called unto the LORD. and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Phi-lis'tines for my two eyes.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the

other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Phi-lis'tines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zō'rah and Esh'ta-ol in the buryingplace of Ma-no'ah his father. And he judged Is'rā-ĕl twenty years.

CHAPTER 17

AND there was a man of mount E'phrā-im, whose name was Mi'càh.

2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son.

3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother. his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and

restore it unto thee.

4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Mi'cah.

5 And the man Mi'cah had a house of gods, and made an eph'od, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons.

who became his priest.

6 In those days there was no king in Is'rā-ĕl. but every man did that which

was right in his own eyes.

7 I And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah of the family of Judah, who was a Le'vite, and he sojourned there.

8 And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount E'phra-im to the house

of Mī'cah, as he journeyed.
9 And Mī'cah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Le'vite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

10 And Mi'cah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Le'vite went in.

11 And the Le'vite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was

unto him as one of his sons.

12 And Mi'cah consecrated the Le'-vite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Mī'cah. 13 Then said Mī'cah, Now know I that

the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Le'vite to my priest.

CHAPTER 18

IN those days there was no king in Is'rā-ĕl: and in those days the tribe of the Dan'ites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl.

2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valor, from Zo'rah, and from Esh' tā-ŏl, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount E'phra-im, to the house of Mi'cah, they image, and a molten image? now there-

lodged there.

3 When they were by the house of Mi'cah, they knew the voice of the young man the Le'vite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this place? and what hast thou here?

4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Mi'cah with me, and hath

hired me, and I am his priest.

5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

6 And the priest said unto them, Go in neace: before the LORD is your way

wherein ye go.

7 I Then the five men departed, and came to La'ish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zī-dō'nĭ-ăns. quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in any thing; and they were far from the Zī-dō'nī-ans, and had no business with any man.

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zō'rah and Esh'tā-ŏl: and their brethren

said unto them, What say ye?

9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.

10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; a place where there is no want of any

thing that is in the earth.

11 ¶ And there went from thence of the family of the Dăn'ites, out of Zo'rah and out of Esh'ta-ol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of

12 And they went up, and pitched in Kīr'jāth-jē'a-rīm, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Ma'ha-neh-dan' unto this day: behold, it is behind Kirjăth-jē'a-rīm.

13 And they passed thence unto mount E'phrā-im, and came unto the house of

Mi'cah.

14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of La'ish, and said unto their brethren. Do ve household. know that there is in these houses an eph'od, and teraphim, and a graven way: and when Mi'cah saw that they

fore consider what we have to do.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Le'vite, even unto the house of Mi'cah, and saluted him.

16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the

entering of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the eph'od, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war.

18 And these went into Mi'cah's house, and fetched the carved image, the eph'od, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said the priest unto

them, What do ye?

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Is'ră-ĕl?

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the eph'od, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the

midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the

carriage before them.

22 I And when they were a good way from the house of Mi'cah, the men that were in the houses near to Mi'cah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Mi'cah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this that ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows ruth upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy

26 And the children of Dan went their

were too strong for him, he turned and

went back unto his house. 27 And they took the things which

Mī'cah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto La'ish, unto a people that were at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zi'don, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth'-re'hob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father. who was born unto Is'ra-el: howbeit the name of the city was La'ish at the first.

30 M And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Ger'shom, the son of Ma-nas'seh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set them up Mi'cah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in

Shī'lōh.

CHAPTER 19

ND it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Iş'rā-ĕl, that there was a certain Le'vite sojourning on the side of mount E'phra-im, who took to him a concubine out of Bethlehem-judah.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehemjudah, and was there four whole months.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, and to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and

drink, and lodged there.

day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

drink both of them together: for the goest thou? and whence comest thou?

damsel's father had said unto the man. Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart. his father-in-law urged him: therefore

he lodged there again.

8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon. and they did eat both of them.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant. his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Je'bus, which is Terusalem: and there were with him two asses saddled, his concubine also was

with him.

11 And when they were by Je'bus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the Jeb'ūsites, and lodge in it.

12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Is'rā-ĕl; we will pass over to Gib'ē-ah.

13 And he said unto his servant, Come. and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gib'ē-ah, or in Rã'màh.

14 And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them. when they were by Gib'e-ah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gib'e-ah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging.

16 I And, behold, there came an old 5 ¶ And it came to pass on the fourth man from his work out of the field at even, which was also of mount E'phrāim; and he sojourned in Gib'e-ah: but damsel's father said unto his son-in- the men of the place were Benjamites.

17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of 6 And they sat down, and did eat and the city: and the old man said, Whither side of mount E'phrā-im; from thence am I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I am now going to the house of the LORD; and there is no man that receiveth me to house

10 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid. and for the young man which is with thy servants: there is no want of any

thing.

20 And the old man said, Peace be with thee: howsoever, let all thy wants lie upon me: only lodge not in the street.

21 So he brought him into his house. and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and

drink.

22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Be'li-al, beset the house round about, and beat at the door. and spake to the master of the house. the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing ness? that this man is come into mine house.

do not this folly.

24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine: them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was.

till it was light.

27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.

28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us

18 And he said unto him. We are pass- man took her up upon an ass, and the ing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

> 29 T And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts

of Is'rā-ĕl.

30 And it was so, that all that saw it said. There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of ls'rā-ĕl came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.

CHAPTER 20

HEN all the children of Is'ra-el went Lout, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Bê'êr-shê'bà, with the land of Gil'ē-ad, unto the LORD in Miz'peh.

2 And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Is'ra-el, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand foot-

men that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Is'ra-el were gone up to Miz'peh.) Then said the children of Is'ra-el, Tell us, how was this wicked-

4 And the Le'vite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gib'e-ah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gib'e-ah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, and thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they

forced, that she is dead.

6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Is'ra-ĕl: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Is'rā-ĕl.

7 Behold, ye are all children of Is'rā-ĕl; give here your advice and counsel.

8 C And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house.

9 But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gib'e-ah; we will go up by lot against it;

10 And we will take ten men of a hunbe going. But none answered. Then the dred throughout all the tribes of Is'ra-el.

and a hundred of a thousand, and a they put themselves in array the first thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch day, victuals for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gib'e-ah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Iş'rā-ĕl.

11 So all the men of Is'ra-ël were gathered against the city, knit together

as one man.

men through all the tribe of Benjamin, the second day. saying, What wickedness is this that is

done among you?

13 Now therefore deliver us the men. the children of Be'li-al, which are in Gǐb'ē-ah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Iş'rā-ĕl. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Is'ra-ĕl:

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gib'ē-ah, to go out to battle

against the children of Is'ra-ël.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gib' ē-àh, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left-handed; every one could sling stones at a hair

breadth, and not miss

17 And the men of Is'rā-ĕl, besides Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these

were men of war.

18

¶ And the children of Is'rā-ĕl arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah shall go up first.

19 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl rose up in the morning, and encamped against

Gĭb'ē-ah.

20 And the men of Is'rā-ĕl went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Is'ra-el put themselves in array to fight against them at Gib'e-ah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gib'ē-ah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Is'rā-ĕl-ītes that day twenty and two thousand men.

22 And the people, the men of Is'ra-el, encouraged themselves, and set their places, e battle again in array in the place where Gib'ē-ah.

23 (And the children of Is'ra-ĕl went up and wept before the LORD until even. and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.)

24 And the children of Is'ra-ĕl came 12 I And the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl sent near against the children of Benjamin

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gib'e-ah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl again eighteen thousand men: all these drew the sword.

26 Then all the children of Is'rā-ĕl. and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Is'ra-el inquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant

of God was there in those days. 28 And Phin'ē-has, the son of El'ē-a' zar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

29 And Is'rā-ĕl set liers in wait round

ahout Gib'e-ah.

30 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gib'ē-ah, as at other times.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gib'e-ah in the field, about thirty men of Is'rā-ĕl.

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Is'ra-el said, Let us flee, and draw them from

the city unto the highways.

33 And all the men of Is ra-el rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Ba'al-ta'mar: and the liers in wait of Iş'rā-ĕl came forth out of their places, even out of the meadows of

34 And there came against Gib'e-ah ten thousand chosen men out of all Benjamin were twenty and five thou-Is'rā-ĕl, and the battle was sore: but sand men that drew the sword: all these they knew not that evil was near them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Iş'rā-ĕl: and the children of Iş'rā-ĕl destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and a hundred men: all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Is'rā-ĕl gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in

37 And the liers in wait hasted, and came to. rushed upon Gib'ē-ah; and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the

38 Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Is'ra-el and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of

the city.

30 And when the men of Is'rā-ĕl retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Is'ra-el about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle.

40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city

ascended up to heaven.

41 And when the men of Is'rā-ĕl turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come

upon them.

42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Iş'rā-ĕl unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which came out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.

43 Thus they inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trode them down with ease over against Gib'e-ah toward the sunrising.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of

valor.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rim'mon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gi'dom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of were men of valor.

47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rim'mon, and abode in the rock Rim'

mon four months.

48 And the men of Iş'rā-ĕl turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword. as well the men of every city, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also wait which they had set beside Gib'e-ah. they set on fire all the cities that they

CHAPTER 21

NOW the men of Iş'rā-ĕl had sworn in Miz'pěh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Ben-

tamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept

3 And said, O LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl. why is this come to pass in Is'rā-el, that there should be to-day one tribe lacking

in Īs'rā-ĕl?

4 And it came to pass on the morrow. that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offer-

ings and peace offerings. 5 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl said, Who is there among all the tribes of Is'ra-ël that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Miz'peh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕI repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from

Îş'rā-ĕl this day.

7 How shall we do for wives for them. that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD, that we will not give them of

our daughters to wives?

8 And they said. What one is there of the tribes of Iş'rā-ĕl that came not up to Miz'peh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jā'besh-gil'ē-ad to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, there were none of the inhabit-

ants of Ta'besh-gil'e-ad there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest,

Wives for the children of Benjamin

and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Ja'besh-gil'e-ad with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that ve shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Ja'besh-gil'e-ad four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male; and they brought them unto the camp to Shi'loh, which is in the land of Ca'naan.

13 And the whole congregation sent some to speak to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock Rim'mon, and to call peaceably unto them.

14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Tā'besh-gil'ē-ad: and vet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Îş'rā-ĕl.

16 I Then the elders of the congregation said. How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

17 And they said. There must be an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed

out of Is'ra-ĕl.

18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Iş'rā-ĕl have sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

19 Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the LORD in Shi'loh yearly, in a blace which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to She'chem, and on the south of Le-bo'nah.

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie

in wait in the vinevards:

21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shī'loh come out to dance in dances, then come ve out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shi'loh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them. Be favorable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, that we should be

guilty.

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced. whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance. and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Is'ra-ĕl departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 In those days there was no king in Is'rā-ĕl: every man did that which was

right in his own eyes.

THE BOOK OF RUTH

CHAPTER 1

TOW it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Mo'ab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was E-lim! ē-lech, and the name of his wife Nā'ō-mī, and the name of his two sons Mäh'lon and Chil'i-on, Eph'rath-ites of both of them; and the woman was left Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into of her two sons and her husband.

the country of Mo'ab, and continued there.

3 And E-lim'ē-lech Nā'ō-mi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Mo'ab; the name of the one was Or'pah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelt there about ten

5 And Mäh'lön and €hĭl'ī-ŏn died also

in the country of Mo'ab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land

of Tudah.

8 And Na'ō-mī said unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead. and with me.

9 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them: and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. 11 And Nā'ō-mī said, Turn again, my

daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb. that they may be your husbands?

12 Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have a husband also to-night, and should also bear sons;

13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again; and Or'pah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister-inlaw is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy

sister-in-law.

16 And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if aught but death

part thee and me.

18 When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

6 Then she arose with her daugh- to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass. ters-in-law, that she might return from when they were come to Beth-lehem, the country of Mo'ab: for she had heard that all the city was moved about them. and they said, Is this Na'o-mi?

20 And she said unto them. Call me not Nă'ō-mī, call me Mā'ra: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Na'ō-mī, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Na'o-mi returned, and Ruth the Mō'āb-īt'ĕss, her daughter-in-law, with her, which returned out of the country of Mo'ab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

CHAPTER 2

ND Nā'ō-mī had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of E-lim'e-lech; and his name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Mo'ab-it'ess said unto Nā'ō-mī. Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said

unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of E-lim'e-lech.

4 I And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.
5 Then said Boaz unto his servant that

was set over the reapers. Whose damsel

is this?

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Mo'ab-it'ish damsel that came back with Na'o-mi out of the country of Mô'ăb:

7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now. that she tarried a little in the house.

8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

9 Let thine eves be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: 19 The So they two went until they came have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of

me, seeing I am a stranger?
11 And Boaz answered and said unto her. It hath fully been showed me, all that thou hast done unto thy motherin-law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, under whose

wings thou art come to trust.

13 Then she said, Let me find favor in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

14 And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying. Let her glean even among the

sheaves, and reproach her not: 16 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke

her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an e'phah of barley.

18 (And she took it up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

19 And her mother-in-law said unto her. Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she showed her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said. The man's name with whom I wrought today is Boaz.

ter-in-law, Blessed be he of the LORD. who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Na'o-mi said unto her. The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

21 And Ruth the Mô'ăb-ît'ess said. He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended

all my harvest.

22 And Na'ō-mī said unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens. that they meet thee not in any other field

23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest: and dwelt

with her mother-in-law.

CHAPTER 3

HEN Nā'ō-mī her mother-in-law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

2 And now is not Boaz of our kindred. with whose maidens thou wast? Behold. he winnoweth barley to-night in the

threshingfloor.

3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

5 And she said unto her, All that thou

sayest unto me I will do.

6 T And she went down unto the floor. and did according to all that her mother-

in-law bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn; and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

8 ¶ And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his

feet.

9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.

10 And he said, Blessed be thou of 20 And Na'ō-mi said unto her daugh- the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

11 And now, my daughter, fear not: I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

12 And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman

nearer than I.

13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee. as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

14 (And she lay at his feet until the morning; and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into

the floor.

15 Also he said, Bring the veil that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her motherin-law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the

man had done to her.

17 And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me. Go not empty unto thy mother-in-

18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

CHAPTER 4

sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And

they sat down.

3 And he said unto the kinsman, Nā'ō-mī, that is come again out of the country of Mō'ab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother E-lim'elěch's:

showed more kindness in the latter end ing, Buy it before the inhabitants. and than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it. redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it besides thee; and I am after thee. And he said. I will redeem it.

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Na'o-mi. thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moăb-īt'ess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his

inheritance.

6 M And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself: for I cannot redeem it.

7 Now this was the manner in former time in Iş'rā-ĕl concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe. and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Is'rā-el.

8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz. Buy it for thee. So he drew off

his shoe.

9 C And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was E-lim'e-lech's, and all that was Chil'ion's and Mäh'lon's, of the hand of Nä'ō-mī.

10 Moreover Ruth the Mo'ab-it'ess. the wife of Mäh'lon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said. We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and THEN went Boaz up to the gate, and like Le'ah, which two did build the house of Iş'rā-ĕl: and do thou worthily in Eph'rà-täh, and be famous in Bethlehem:

> 12 And let thy house be like the house of Phā'rēz, whom Tā'màr bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall

give thee of this young woman.

13 C So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

14 And the women said unto Na'o-mi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not 4 And I thought to advertise thee, say- left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Is'ra-el. 15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter-in-law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him.

16 And Na'o-mi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse

unto it. 17 And the women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to

O'bed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 C Now these are the generations of Phā'rēz: Phā'rēz begat Hez'ron.

19 And Hez'ron begat Ram, and Ram begat Am-min'a-dab.

20 And Am-min'a-dab begat Näh'shon. and Näh'shon begat Săl'mon,

21 And Săl'mon begat Boaz, and Boaz

begat Ö'bĕd, 22 And Ö'bĕd begat Jesse, and Jesse Nā'ō-mī; and they called his name begat David.

THE FIRST

BOOK OF SAMUEL

OTHERWISE CALLED, THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS

CHAPTER 1

NOW there was a certain man of Rā'mā-thā'im-zō'phim, of mount E'phrā-ĭm, and his name was El-kā'nah, the son of Je-ro'ham, the son of E-li'hu, the son of To'hū, the son of Zuph, an Eph'rath-ite:

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Pē-nin'nah: and Pē-nin'nah had children, but Hannah had no

children.

3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shi'loh. And the two sons of E'li, Hoph'ni and Phin'ehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

4 M And when the time was that Elkā'nāh offered, he gave to Pē-nīn'nāh his wife, and to all her sons and her

daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion: for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the

LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her: therefore she wept. and did not eat.

8 Then said El-kā'nāh her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

9 C So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shī'lōh, and after they had drunk. Now E'li the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

10 And she was in bitterness of soul. and prayed unto the LORD, and went

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his

12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that

E'li marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore E'li thought she had been drunken.

14 And E'li said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy

wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said. No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Be'li-al: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

17 Then E'li answered and said, Go in

The birth of Samuel. Hannah rejoiceth

thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her coun- mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowl-

tenance was no more sad.

19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Rā'mah: and El-kā'nah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered

20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man El-ka'nah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

23 And El-kā'nah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck prevail.

until she weaned him.

24 ¶ And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one e'phah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shi'loh: and the child was young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and his house. And the child did minister

brought the child to E'li.

26 And she said, O my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which

I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD: as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

CHAPTER 2

ND Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine is enlarged over mine enemies; because den flesh of thee, but raw. I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 There is none holy as the LORD; for them not fail to burn the fat presently.

peace: and the God of Is'ra-el grant thee there is none besides thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your edge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are

girded with strength.

5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath borne seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and

bringeth up.

7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of his saints. and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man

10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed. 11 And El-kā'nāh went to Rā'māh to

unto the LORD before E'li the priest.

12 W Now the sons of E'li were sons of Bē'li-āl: they knew not the LORD.

13 And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand:

14 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shi'löh unto all the Is'rā-ĕl-ītes that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast horn is exalted in the LORD; my mouth for the priest; for he will not have sod-

16 And if any man said unto him, Let

The sin of Eli's sons. His house dishonored

desireth: then he would answer him. Nau: but thou shalt give it me now: and

if not. I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD. 18 C But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ěph'ŏd.

19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with

her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 4 And E'li blessed El-ka'nah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons And the child and two daughters.

Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 I Now E'li was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Is'ra-el; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil deal-

ings by all this people.

24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ve make the LORD's ever.

people to transgress.

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding, they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the LORD, and

also with men.

27 I And there came a man of God unto E'li, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in

Egypt in Phā'raōh's house?

28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Iş'rā-ĕl to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an eph'od before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of sleep; Īş'rā-ĕl?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have com-

and then take as much as thy soul thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings

of Is'ra-ĕl my people?

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Is'ra. #1 saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk he. fore me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an

old man in thine house.

32 And thou shalt see an enemy in mu habitation in all the wealth which God shall give Is'ra-el: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

34 And this shall be a sign unto thee. that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hoph'ni and Phin'e-has; in one day they

shall die both of them.

35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for

36 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

CHAPTER 3

ND the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before E'li. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

2 And it came to pass at that time, when E'li was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to

4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he

answered, Here am I.

5 And he ran unto E'li, and said. Here manded in my habitation; and honorest am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again. Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to E'li. and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD

vet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to E'li, and said, Here am I: for thou didst call me. And E'li perceived that the LORD had called the child.

o Therefore E'li said unto Samuel, Go. tie down: and it shall be, if he call thee. that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went

and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel. Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak: for thy servant heareth.

11 ¶ And the LORD said to Samuel. Behold, I will do a thing in Iş'rā-ĕl, at which both the ears of every one that

heareth it shall tingle.

12 In that day I will perform against E'li all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of E'li, that the iniquity of E'li's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 C And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house

16 Then E'li called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered.

Here am I.

17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide anu thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth

him good.

19 T And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his

words fall to the ground.

20 And all Is'rā-ĕl from Dan even to Bē'ēr-shē'ba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. 21 And the LORD appeared again in Shi'loh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shi'löh by the word of the

CHAPTER 4

ND the word of Samuel came to all A Is'rā-ĕl. Now Iş'rā-ĕl went out against the Phi-lis'tines to battle, and pitched beside Eb'en-e'zer: and the Phi-lis'tines pitched in A'phek.

2 And the Phi-lis'tines put themselves in array against Is'rā-ĕl: and when they joined battle, Is ra-el was smitten be-fore the Phi-lis tines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand

3 I And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Iş'rā-ĕl said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to-day before the Phi-lis'tines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shi'loh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shī'lōh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubim: and the two sons of E'li, Hoph'ni and Phin'ehas, were there with the ark of the cove-

nant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Is' rā-ĕl shouted with a great shout, so that

the earth rang again.

6 And when the Phi-lis'tines heard the of the LORD. And Samuel feared to noise of the shout, they said, What show E'll the vision.

meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Phi-lis'tines were afraid; for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said. Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. 8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out

of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men. O ve Phi-lis'tines, that ve be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have taken, and because of her father-in-law been to you: guit yourselves like men.

and fight.

10 T And the Phi-lis'tines fought, and Is'rā-el was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Iş'rā-ĕl thirty thousand footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of E'li, Hoph'ni and

Phin'ē-has, were slain.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shi'loh the same day with his clothes rent, and with

earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, E'li sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and

told it, all the city cried out.

14 And when E'li heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in

hastily, and told E'li.

15 Now E'li was ninety and eight years old: and his eves were dim, that he

could not see.

16 And the man said unto E'li, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army. And he said, What

is there done, my son?

17 And the messenger answered and said. Is'rā-ĕl is fled before the Phi-lis' tines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hoph'ni and Phin'e-has. are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Iş'rā-ĕl forty years.

19 I And his daughter-in-law, Phin'ehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not: for thou hast borne a son. But she answered not, neither did she re-

gard if.

21 And she named the child I'-cha-

Eli dieth. Dagon falleth before the ark

and her husband.

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Is'ra-el: for the ark of God is taken.

CHAPTER 5

AND the Phi-lis'tines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eb'enë'zër unto Ashdod.

2 When the Phi-lis'tines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of

Dā'gŏn, and set it by Dā'gŏn, 3 I And when they of Ashdod arose

early on the morrow, behold, Da'gon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Da'gon, and set him in his place again. 4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dā'gŏn was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Da'gon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the

stump of Dā'gŏn was left to him. 5 Therefore neither the priests of Dā'gŏn, nor any that come into Dā'gŏn's house, tread on the threshold of Da'gon

in Ashdod unto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods. even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said. The ark of the God of Is'rā-el shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon

Da'gon our god.
8 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Phi-lis'tines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Iş'rā-ĕl? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Iş'rā-ĕl be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Is'ra-el about thither.

9 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

10 I Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ek'ron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ek'ron, that the Ek'ron-ites cried out, saying, They have bod, saying, The glory is departed from brought about the ark of the God of Is'ra-ei: because the ark of God was Is'ra-ei to us, to slav us and our people.

11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Phi-lis'tines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Is'ra-el, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the crv of

the city went up to heaven.

CHAPTER 6

ND the ark of the LORD was in the La country of the Phi-lis'tines seven months.

2 And the Phi-lis'tines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his

place.

3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

4 Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Phi-lis'tines: for one plague was on you

all, and on your lords.

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Is'ra-el: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Phā'raōh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they

departed?

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no voke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from

them:

8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it the ark of the LORD, even he smote of may go.

9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth'-she'mesh, then he hath done us this great evil; but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was a chance that happened to us.

10 I And the men did so: and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart. and shut up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the straight way to the way of Běth'-shē'měsh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Phi-listines went after them unto the border of Běth'-shē'měsh.

13 And they of Beth'-she'mesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the vallev: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Běth'-shē'mīte, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Le'vites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Běth'-shē'měsh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Philis'tines had seen it, they returned to

Ek'ron the same day.

17 And these are the golden emerods which the Phi-lis'tines returned for a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gā'zà one, for Ās'kē-lŏn one, for Gath one, for Ēk'rŏn one;

18 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philis'tines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth'shë mite.

19 ¶ And he smote the men of Beth'shë mësh, because they had looked into the people fifty thousand and threelamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great heard him. slaughter.

20 And the men of Běth'-shē'měsh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he

go up from us?

21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kīr'jăth-jē'a-rīm, saying, The Phi-lis'tines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

CHAPTER 7

ND the men of Kîr'jăth-jê'a-rim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of A-bin'a-dab in the hill, and sanctified El'ē-ā'zar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kīr'jāth-jē'a-rīm, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Iş'rā-ĕl lamented after

the LORD.

3 ¶ And Samuel spake unto all the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ash'taröth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the

hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

4 Then the children of Is'rā-ĕl did put away Bā'a-līm and Ash'ta-roth, and

served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Ĭş'rā-ĕl to Miz'pěh, and I will pray for you unto

the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpen, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lorn, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lorn. And Samuel judged the chil-

dren of Is'rā-ĕl in Miz'pĕh.

7 And when the Phi-lis'tines heard that the children of Is'rā-ĕl were gathered together to Miz'peh, the lords of the Phi-lis'tines went up against Îş'rā-ĕl. And when the children of Is'ra-el heard it, they were afraid of the Phi-lis'tines. 8 And the children of Is'ra-el said to

Samuel. Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

9 T And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly the nations.

score and ten men: and the people unto the LORD; and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Is'ra-el; and the LORD

> 10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Phi-lis'tines drew near to battle against Is'ra-ĕl: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Phi-lis'tines, and discomfited them; and they were smit-

ten before Ĭs'rã-ĕl.

11 And the men of Is'ra-el went out of Miz'peh, and pursued the Phi-lis'tines. and smote them, until they came under Běth'-cär'

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Miz'peh and Shen, and called the name of it Eb'en-e'zer, saying. Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

13 ¶ So the Phi-lis'tines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Is'ra-el: and the hand of the LORD was against the Phi-lis'tines all

the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Phi-lis! tines had taken from Is'rā-ĕl were restored to Iş'rā-ĕl, from Ĕk'rŏn even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Is'rā-ĕl deliver out of the hands of the Philis'tines. And there was peace between Îs'rā-ĕl and the Am'ō-rītes.

15 And Samuel judged Is'ra-ël all the

days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gil'găl, and Miz-pěh, and judged Iş'rā-ĕl in all those places.

17 And his return was to Ra'mah, for there was his house; and there he judged Iş'rā-ĕl; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons

judges over İş'rā-ĕl.

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, A-bi'ah: they were judges in Bē'ēr-shē'ba. 3 And his sons walked not in his ways. but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 Then all the elders of Is'ra-el gathered themselves together, and came to

Samuel unto Rā'māh.

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all

6 C But the thing displeased Samuel. when they said, Give us a king to judge nations; and that our king may judge us. us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. and go out before us, and fight our

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over

8 According to all the works which they them up out of Egypt even unto this his city. day, wherewith they have forsaken me. and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 I And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of

him a king.

11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.

over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and in- then they passed through the land of struments of his chariots.

be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and jamites, but they found them not.

to be bakers.

your vineyards, and your oliveyards. his servants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and our way that we should go. put them to his work.

and ye shall be his servants.

cause of your king which ye shall have to the man of God: what have we? chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

said. Nav: but we will have a king our way. over us:

20 That we also may be like all the battles.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in

the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the have done since the day that I brought men of Iş'rā-ĕl, Go ye every man unto

CHAPTER 9

YOW there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Ā'bi-ĕl, the son of Zē'rôr, the son of Bē-chō'răth, the son of A-phī'ah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Îş'rā-ĕl a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher

than any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son. Take now one of the servants with 12 And he will appoint him captains thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through mount E'phra-im, and passed through the land of Sha-li'sha, but they found them not: Sha'lim, and there they were not: and 13 And he will take your daughters to he passed through the land of the Ben-

5 And when they were come to the land 14 And he will take your fields, and of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; even the best of them, and give them to lest my father leave caring for the asses,

and take thought for us. 6 And he said unto him, Behold now,

there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honorable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can show us

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, 17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our ves-18 And ye shall cry out in that day be- sels, and there is not a present to bring

8 And the servant answered Saul again. you in that day.

and said, Behold, I have here at hand
19 ¶ Nevertheless the people refused the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that to obey the voice of Samuel; and they will I give to the man of God, to tell us

9 (Beforetime in Is'rā-ĕl, when a man

went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was.

11 ¶ And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to-day to the

city; for there is a sacrifice of the people

to-day in the high place:

13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterward they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

14 And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for

to go up to the high place.

15 ¶ Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, say-

16 To-morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Is'rā-ēl, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines; for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall

reign over my people.

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee,

where the seer's house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to-day, and to-morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Is/ra-ĕi? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

21 And Saul answered and said, Am one carrying three kids, and another

not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Is ra-el? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlor, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which

were about thirty persons.

23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

25 ¶ And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the

top of the house.

26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may show thee the word of God.

CHAPTER 10

THEN Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

2 When thou art departed from me today, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zĕl'zah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tā'bor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethed, one carrying three kids and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

4 And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou

shalt receive of their hands.

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Phi-lis'tines: and it shall come to pass. when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another

7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee.

8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gil'găl; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and show thee what thou shalt do...

turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 And when they came thither to the

hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold. he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul

also among the prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place. 14 ¶ And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said. To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, presents. But he held his peace. we came to Samuel.

15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 If And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Miz'peh;

18 And said unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, Thus saith the LORD God of lş'rā-ĕl, I brought up Is'rā-ĕl out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:

19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him. Nau. but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl to come near, the

tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Ma'tri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Be-9 And it was so, that, when he had hold, he hath hid himself among the

23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen. that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said. God save the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away,

every man to his house.

26 T And Saul also went home to Gib'e-ah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Bē'lī-ăl said. How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no

CHAPTER 11

HEN Nā'hāsh the Ammonite came L up, and encamped against Ta'beshgil'ē-ad: and all the men of Ja'besh said unto Na'hash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

2 And Na'hash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it

for a reproach upon all Is'rā-ēl.

3 And the elders of Jā'besh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Is'rā-ēl: and then, if there be no

man to save us, we will come out to thee.

4 Then came the messengers to
Gib'e-ah of Saul, and told the tidings in
the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jā'besh.

6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and

his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of 15 'rā-ēl by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

8 And when he numbered them in Be'zek, the children of Iş'rā-el were three hundred thousand, and the men of

Tudah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jā'běsh-gū'ē-ād, To-morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and showed it to the men of Jā'běsh; and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Jā'bĕsh said, To-morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth

good unto you.

11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day; and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 ¶ And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may

put them to death.

13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to-day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Iş rā-ēl. 14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gil'gāl, and re-

new the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gil'găl, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gil'găl; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Îş'rā-êl rejoiced greatly.

CHAPTER 12

AND Samuel said unto all Is'rā-ĕi, Behoid, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from

my childhood unto this day.

3 Behold, here I am: witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught of any man's

hand.

5 And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

6 ¶ And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up

out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the Lord of all the righteous acts of the Lord, which he did to you and to your fathers.

8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this

place.

9 And when they forgat the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sis'ēr-a, captain of the host of Hā'zōr, and into the hand of the Phi-lis'tines, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Bā'a-lim and Ash'ta-roth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies. and we will serve thee.

11 And the LORD sent Jer'ub-ba'al, and Be'dan, and Jeph'thah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelt

safe.

12 And when ye saw that Na'hash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but king. a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king.

13 Now therefore, behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD

hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD: then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:

the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD; then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it

was against your fathers.

16 ¶ Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do be-

fore your eyes.

17 Is it not wheat harvest to-day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great. which we have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly

feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said unto Samuel. Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added king

20 M And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

should ye go after vain things, which appointed: but Samuel came not to

and into the hand of the king of Mo'ab, cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the

good and the right way:

24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. 25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your

CHAPTER 13

CAUL reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Iş'rā-ĕl, 2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Iş'rā-ĕl; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Mich'mash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gib'e-ah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of 15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the Phi-lis'tines that was in Ge'ba. and the Phi-lis'tines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

4 And all Iş'rā-ĕl heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Phi-lis' tines, and that Iş'rā-ĕl also was had in abomination with the Phi-lis'tines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gil'gal.

5 ¶ And the Phi-lis'tines gathered themselves together to fight with Isrā-ĕl, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Mich'mash, eastward from Beth'-a'ven.

6 When the men of Is'ra-el saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickunto all our sins this evil, to ask us a ets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

> 7 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gil'ē-ād. As for Saul, he was yet in Gil'gal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 C And he tarried seven days, accord-21 And turn ye not aside: for then ing to the set time that Samuel had

Gil'găl; and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And

he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

11 ¶ And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me. and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Phi-lis' tines gathered themselves together at Mich'mash:

12 Therefore said I. The Phi-lis'tines will come down now upon me to Gil'găl, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore,

and offered a burnt offering.

13 And Samuel said to Saul. Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon İş'rā-ĕl for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gil'găl unto Gib'ē-ah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men.

16 And Saul, and Tonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gib'ē-ah of Benjamin: but the Phi-lis'tineş encamped in Mich'mash.

17 C And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Phi-lis'tines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Oph'rah, unto the land of Shu'ăl:

18 And another company turned the way to Běth'-hō'rŏn: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zē-bō'im toward the wilderness.

19 ¶ Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Is'ra-el: for the Phi-lis'tines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears:

20 But all the Iş'rā-ĕl-ītes went down

to the Phi-lis'tines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.

21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks. and for the coulters, and for the forks. and for the axes, and to sharpen the

goads.

22 So it came to pass in the day of bat. tle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jona. than: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

23 And the garrison of the Phi-list tines went out to the passage of Mich!

măsh.

CHAPTER 14

NOW it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armor. Come, and let us go over to the Philis'tines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gib'e-ah under a pomegranate tree which is in Mig'ron: and the people that were with him were about six hun-

dred men:

3 And A-hī'ah, the son of A-hī'tŭb, I'-cha-bŏd's brother, the son of Phin'ehas, the son of E'li, the Lord's priest in Shī'lōh, wearing an eph'od. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 C And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Phi-lis'tines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bo'zez, and the name of the other Sē'něh.

5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Mich'mash, and the other southward over against Gib!

ē-ah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

7 And his armor-bearer said unto him, Do all that is in thy heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will

pass over unto these men, and we will hold, every man's sword was against his discover ourselves unto them.

O If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand; and

this shall be a sign unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Phi-lis'tines; and the Phi-lis'tines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armor-bearer. and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armor-bearer, Come up after me; for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Is'ra-el.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armorbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armor-bearer slew

after him.

14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were a half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

15 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it

was a very great trembling

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gib'eah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the on beating down one another.

17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not there.

18 And Saul said unto A-hi'ah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of

of Is'rā-ĕl.

19 C And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Phi-lis'tines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

20 And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves. and they came to the battle: and, be-

fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Moreover, the Hebrews that were in our place, and will not go up unto with the Phi-lis'tines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Is'ra-el-ites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Is'rā-ĕl which had hid themselves in mount E'phrā-im, when they heard that the Phi-lis'tines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

23 So the LORD saved Is'rā-ĕl that day: and the battle passed over unto

Běth'-ā'věn.

24 ¶ And the men of Îş'rā-ĕl were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

25 And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the

ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped: but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then answered one of the people. and said. Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be multitude melted away, and they went the man that eateth any food this day.

And the people were faint.

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had God was at that time with the children there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Phi-lis'tines?

31 And they smote the Phi-lis'tines that day from Mich'mash to Ai'ja-lon: and

the people were very faint.

32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.

33 I Then they told Saul, saying,

Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great

stone unto me this day.

34 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that

he built unto the LORD.

36 Q And Saul said, Let us go down after the Phi-lis'tines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 And Saul asked counsel of God. Shall I go down after the Phi-lis'tines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Is'rā-ĕl? But he answered him not that

day.

38 And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this

day.

39 For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Is ra-el, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him.

40 Then said he unto all Is'rā-ĕl, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul. Do what seemeth good

unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan

was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die,

Jonathan.

45 And the people said unto Saul, Shall thousand men of Judah.

Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Iş'rā-ĕl? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Phi-lis'tines: and the Phi-lis'tines

went to their own place.

47 ¶ So Saul took the kingdom over Îş'rā-ēl, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Mo'ab, and against the children of Ammon, and against E'dom, and against the kings of Zo'bah, and against the Phi-lis'tines: and whithersoever he turned himself. he vexed them.

48 And he gathered a host, and smote the Am'a-lek-ites, and delivered Iş'rā-ĕl out of the hands of them that spoiled

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan. and Ish'ū-ī, and Měl'chī-shu'à: and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Me'rab, and the name of the younger Mi'chal:

50 And the name of Saul's wife was A-hin'ō-am, the daughter of A-him'a-az: and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 And Kish was the father of Saul: and Ner the father of Abner was the son

of A'bĭ-ĕl.

52 And there was sore war against the Phi-lis'tines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

CHAPTER 15

CAMUEL also said unto Saul, The Deno sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Iş'rā-ĕl: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Am'a-lek did to Iş'rā-ĕl, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

3 Now go and smite Am'a-lek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Te-la'im, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten

5 And Saul came to a city of Am'a-lek. and laid wait in the valley.

6 C And Saul said unto the Ke'nites. Go, depart, get you down from among the Am'a-lek-ites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye showed kindness to all the children of Is'ra-el, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Ke'nites departed from among the Am'a-lek-ites.

7 And Saul smote the Am'a-lek-ites from Hav'i-läh until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

8 And he took A'gag the king of the Am'à-lek-ites alive, and utterly dethe sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared A'gag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

10 CT Then came the word of the LORD

unto Samuel, saying,

11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Car'mel. and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone

down to Gil'gal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I

hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Am'a-lek-ites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath -said to me this night. And he said unto

him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl, honor me now, I pray thee, before the

and the LORD anointed thee king over Īs'rā-ĕl?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Am'a-lek-ites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of

the Lord?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought A'gag the king of stroyed all the people with the edge of Am'a-lek, and have utterly destroyed the Am'a-lek-ites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy

God in Gil'găl.

22 And Samuel said. Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

24 T And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I

may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will 14 And Samuel said, What meaneth not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over İş'rā-ĕl.

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his

mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said unto him. The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Is'rā-ĕl from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbor of thine, that is better than thou.

29 And also the Strength of Is'rā-ĕl will not lie nor repent: for he is not a

man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned: yet

elders of my people, and before Is'rā-ĕl. and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul: and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me A'gag the king of the Am'alek-ites. And A'gag came unto him delicately. And A'gag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed A'gag in pieces before these.

the LORD in Gil'gal. 34 Then Samuel went to Ra'mah:

and Saul went up to his house to Gib'eah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Is'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 16

AND the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Is'rā-ĕl? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said. Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I

name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify vourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 C And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on E-li'ab, and said. Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy Look not on his countenance, or on the son, which is with the sheep. height of his stature; because I have

refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jesse called A-bin'a-dab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said. Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Sham'mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD

chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise. anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil. and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lorn came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ra'mah.

14 T But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from

the LORD troubled him.

15 And Saul's servants said unto him. Behold now, an evil spirit from God

troubleth thee.

16 Let our lord now command thy servants. which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on a harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee. that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

17 And Saul said unto his servants. Provide me now a man that can play

well, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of the servants. and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

19 ¶ Wherefore Saul sent messengers

20 And Jesse took an ass laden with

bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid. and sent them by David his son unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly: and he became his armor-bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favor in my sight.

23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

CHAPTER 17

Now the Phi-lis'tines gathered to-gether their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shō'chōh. hetween Sho'choh and A-ze'kah, in Beth-lehem. E'phes-dăm'mim.

2 And Saul and the men of Is'rā-ĕl were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of E'lah, and set the battle in

array against the Phi-lis'tines.

3 And the Phi-lis'tines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Is'ra-ĕl stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

4 I And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Phi-lis'tines. named Go-li'ath, of Gath, whose height

was six cubits and a span.

5 And he had a helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.

6 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his

shoulders.

7 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head had put the battle in array, army weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Is'rā-ĕl, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Phi-lis'tine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and they saw the man, fled from him, and

serve us.

10 And the Phi-lis'tine said, I defy the armies of Is'ra-ĕl this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Is ra-el heard those words of the Phi-lis'tine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 W Now David was the son of that Eph'rath-ite of Beth-lehem-judah. whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sons of Tesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were E-li'ab the firstborn, and next unto him A-bin'a-dab. and the third Sham'mah.

14 And David was the youngest: and

the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But David went and returned from which belongeth to Judah, and pitched Saul to feed his father's sheep at

16 And the Phi-lis'tine drew near morning and evening, and presented

himself forty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ë'phåh of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Is'rā-el, were in the valley of E'lah,

fighting with the Phi-lis'tines.

20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. 21 For Is'ra-el and the Phi-lis'tines

against army.

22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Phi-lis'tine of Gath, Go-li'ath by name, out of the armies of the Phi-lis'tines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them.

24 And all the men of Is'rā-ĕl, when

were sore afraid.

25 And the men of Is'rā-ĕl said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Is'rā-ĕl is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Is'rā-ĕl.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philis'tine, and taketh away the reproach from Is'ra-el? for who is this uncircumcised Phi-lis'tine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done

to the man that killeth him.

28 ¶ And Ē-li'āb his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and E-li'ab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

29 And David said, What have I now

done? Is there not a cause?

30 ¶ And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

32 M And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Phi-lis'tine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Phi-lis'tine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb

out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philis'tine shall be as one of them, seeing he lis'tine arose, and came and drew nigh

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Phi-lis'tine. And Saul said unto David. Go. and the LORD be with thee.

38 I And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with

a coat of mail.

39 And David girded his sword upon his armor, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew

near to the Phi-lis'tine.

41 And the Phi-lis'tine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

42 And when the Phi-lis'tine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy,

and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Phi-lis'tine said unto David. Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Phi-lis'tine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Phi-lis'tine said to David. Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the

beasts of the field.

45 Then said David to the Phi-lis'tine Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Is'ra-ël. whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Phi-lis'tines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that

there is a God in Iş'rā-ĕl.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's. and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Phihath defied the armies of the living God. to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Phi-lis'tine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Phi-lis'tine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So David prevailed over the Phitis'tine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Phi-lis'tine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of

David.

51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Phi-lis'tine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof. and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Phi-lis'tines saw

their champion was dead, they fled.
52 And the men of Iş'rā-el and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Phi-lis'tines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ek'ron. And the wounded of the Phi-lis'tines fell down by the way to Shā'a-ra'im, even unto Gath, and unto Ek'ron.

53 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl returned from chasing after the Phi-lis'tines, and

they spoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Phi-lis'tine, and brought it to Jerusalem: but he put his armor in his tent.

55 (And when Saul saw David go forth against the Phi-lis'tine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell

56 And the king said, Inquire thou

whose son the stripling is.

57 And as David returned from the slaughter of the Phi-lis'tine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Phi-lis'tine in his hand. 58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art

thou, thou young man? And David an- 13 Therefore Saul removed him from swered, I am the son of thy servant him, and made him his captain over a Tesse the Beth-lehemite.

CHAPTER 18

AND it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan behaved himself very wisely, he was loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his

father's house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his

own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 ¶ And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the

sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Phi-lis'tine, that the women came out of all cities of Is'rā-ĕl, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music.

7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten

thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day

and forward.

10 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul cast the javelin: for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his

presence twice.

12 I And Saul was afraid of David. because the LORD was with him, and

was departed from Saul.

thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he

afraid of him.
16 But all Iş'rā-ĕl and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

17 ¶ And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Mē'rāb, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Phi-lis'tines be upon him.

18 And David said unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Iş'rā-ĕl, that I should be son-

in-law to the king?

19 But it came to pass at the time when Mě'rāb Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Ā'dri-ēl the Mē-hō'lā-thīte to wife.

20 And Mi'chal Saul's daughter loved David; and they told Saul, and the thing

pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Phi-lis'tines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my sonin-law in the one of the twain.

22 ¶ And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son-

in-law.

23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Philis'fines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philis'fines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law; and the days were

not expired.

27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philis'tines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him Mi'ehāl his daughter to wife.

28 ¶ And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Mi'chal

Saul's daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy

continually.

30 Then the princes of the Phi-lis'tines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

CHAPTER 19

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they

should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 ¶ And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not similed against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good.

5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Phi-lis'tine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Is'ra-lithou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD

liveth, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

8 ¶ And there was war again; and David went out, and fought with the Phi-lis' tines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played

with his hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Mi'chai David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou shalt be slain.

12 ¶ So Mī'chăl let David down through a window: and he went, and

fled, and escaped.

13 And Mī'chāl took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers again

to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. 16 And when the messengers were

come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for

his bolster.

17 And Saul said unto Mi'chal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Mi'chal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 C So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ra'mah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Na'ioth. 19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold,

David is at Nā'iŏth in Rā'mah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophe-

sied also.

22 Then went he also to Rā'mah, and came to a great well that is in Se'chū: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Na'ioth in Ra'mah.

23 And he went thither to Na'ioth in Rā'mah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Na'ioth in

Rā'māh. 24 And he stripped off his clothes also. and prophesied before Samuel in like field. manner, and lay down naked all that

day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

CHAPTER 20

AND David fled from Na'ioth in Ra'
mah, and came and said before
Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will show it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is

not so.

3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even

do it for thee.

5 And David said unto Tonathan, Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at

6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the

family.

7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said. Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father an-

swer thee roughly?

11 ¶ And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the

12 And Jonathan said unto David, O

LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕI, when I have sounded my father about to-morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and show it thee;

13 The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will show it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the kindness of the LORD,

that I die not:

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of

David's enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be

empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone £7zěl.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou; for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the Lond liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee

away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the Lord be between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat

LORD God of Ĭṣ'rā-ĕl, when I have by Saul's side, and David's place was

empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to-day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to

Beth-lehem:

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favor in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

30 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy

mother's nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he

done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David,

and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had

shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows,

and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. 40 And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

41 ¶ And as soon as the lad was sone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and howed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Tonathan went into the city.

CHAPTER 21

THEN came David to Nöb to A-him's list the priest: and A-him's list was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And David said unto Å-him'ē-lēch the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

2 Now therefore what is under thing

my servants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.

4 And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.

6 So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the showbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Dō'ĕg, an E'dŏm-ite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

8 ¶ And David said unto A-hīm'ē-lēch, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's husiness re-

quired haste.

9 And the priest said, The sword of Gō-l'āth the Phi-lis'tine, whom thou slewest in the valley of E'lāh, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the eph'ōd: if thou wilt take that, take it for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

10 ¶ And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to A'chish

the king of Gath.

11 And the servants of A'chish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of

A'chish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

14 Then said A'chish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of madmen, that ye have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

CHAPTER 22

DAVID therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave A-dül-lam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.

2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 ¶ And David went thence to Mizpěh of Mö'žb: and he said unto the king of Mo'ab. Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Mo'ab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

5 I And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Ha'reth.

6 When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gib'e-ah under a tree in Ra'mah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;)

7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and

captains of hundreds:

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that showeth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or showeth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

9 ¶ Then answered Dō'ĕg the E'dŏmite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to A-him'e-leeh the son

of A-hi'tub.

10 And he inquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Gō-li'āth the Phi-

lis'tine.

11 Then the king sent to call A-him'elech the priest, the son of A-hi'tub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of A-hi'tub. And he answered, Here I

am, my lord.

13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

14 Then A-him'ē-lech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful hold, we be afraid here in Judah: how

Doeg slayeth Ahimelech and the priests bidding, and is honorable in thine

house?

15 Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant. nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, A-him'ē-lech, thou, and all thy fa-

ther's house.

17 I And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not show it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

18 And the king said to Do'eg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Do'eg the E'dom-ite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear

a linen ĕph'ŏd.

19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword. both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 ¶ And one of the sons of A-him'ē-

lěch the son of A-hī'tŭb, named A-bī'àthar, escaped, and fled after David.

21 And A-bi'a-thar showed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.

22 And David said unto A-bi'a-thar, I knew it that day, when Do'eg the E'domite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

CHAPTER 23

HEN they told David, saying, Behold, the Phi-lis'tines fight against Kē-ī'lah, and they rob the threshingfloors.

2 Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Phi-lis'tines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Phi-lis'tines,

and save Kē-ī'lah.

3 And David's men said unto him. Beamong all thy servants as David, which much more then if we come to Ke-ī'lāh is the king's son-in-law, and goeth at thy against the armies of the Phi-lis'tines?

4 Then David inquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Ke-i'lah; for I will deliver the Phi-lis'tines into thine hand.

5 So David and his men went to Ke-ilah, and fought with the Phi-lis'tines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Ke-i'lah.

6 And it came to pass, when A-bi'a-thar the son of A-him'e-leeh fled to David to Kē-ī'lah, that he came down

with an eph'od in his hand.

7 M And it was told Saul that David was come to Ke-i'lah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Ke-i'lah,

to besiege David and his men.

9 @ And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to A-bi'a-thar the priest, Bring hither the eph'od.

10 Then said David, O LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Ke-i'lah,

to destroy the city for my sake.

11 Will the men of Ke-i'lah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

12 Then said David, Will the men of Kē-ī'lāh deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They

will deliver thee up.

13 Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Kē-ī'lah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Ke-i'lah; and he forbare to go forth.

14 And David abode in the wilderness in strongholds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered

him not into his hand.

15 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

16 C And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for

thee; and thou shalt be king over Is'rā-el, and I shall be next unto thee: and that also Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 I Then came up the Ziph'ites to Saul to Gib'e-ah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strongholds in the wood, in the hill of Ha-chī'lah, which is on the south of Te-shi'mon?

20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilely.

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Mā'ŏn, in the plain

on the south of Je-shi'mon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Ma'on. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Mā'on.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

27 I But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Phi-lis'tines have invaded the land.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Phi-lis'tines: therefore they called that place Sē'la-ham-mäh'lē-koth.

29 ¶ And David went up from thence. and dwelt in strongholds at En-ge'di.

CHAPTER 24

AND it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Phithe hand of Saul my father shall not find lis tines, that it was told him, saying,

David spareth Saul's life in the cave

Behold. David is in the wilderness of wicked: but mine hand shall not be Ĕn-gē'dī.

Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Is'ra-ĕl, and went to seek David and his men upon the

rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he

had cut off Saul's skirt.

6 And he said unto his men. The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to not. stretch forth mine hand against him. seeing he is the anointed of the LORD. 7 So David staved his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed

of the cave, and went on his way.

himself.

9 M And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD hath delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; vet thou huntest my soul to take it.

12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee:

but mine hand shall not be upon thee. 13 As saith the proverb of the ancients. Wickedness proceedeth from the house of Caleb.

upon thee. 14 After whom is the king of Is'ra-el

come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.

15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out

of thine hand.

16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee

evil.

18 And thou hast showed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Iş'rā-ĕl shall be established in thine hand.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men

gat them up unto the hold.

CHAPTER 25

ND Samuel died; and all the Is'ra-A el-ites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ra'mah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Pā'rān.

2 And there was a man in Mā'on, whose possessions were in Car'mel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in

Cär'měl.

3 Now the name of the man was Nā² băl. and the name of his wife Ab'ī-gāil; and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the

4 C And David heard in the wilderness that Na'bal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men. and David said unto the young men, Get him. you up to Car'mel, and go to Na'bal, and greet him in my name:

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they were in Car'mel.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will show thee. Wherefore let the young men find favor in thine eyes; for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Na'bal according to all those words in the name of David, and

ceased.

10 C And Nā'bal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants nowadays that break away every man from his master.

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men. whom I know not whence they be?

12 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and

told him all those sayings.

13 And David said unto his men, Gird ve on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 C But one of the young men told Ab'i-gail, Na'bal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wil-

railed on them.

15 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields.

16 They were a wall unto us both by that follow my lord. night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

what thou wilt do; for evil is determined cause my lord fighteth the battles of the

against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Bē'lī-āl, that a man cannot speak to

18 Then Ab'ī-gāil made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

19 And she said unto her servants. Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Na'bal.

20 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him:

and he hath requited me evil for good. 22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

23 And when Ab'i-gail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed

herself to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid. I pray thee. speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Be'li-al, even Na'bal: for as his name is, so is he: Na'bal is his name. and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord,

whom thou didst send

26 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyderness to salute our master; and he self with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nā'bāl,

> 27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will cer-17 Now therefore know and consider tainly make my lord a sure house; be-

Nabal dieth. Saul again seeketh David

thee all thy days.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul; but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of

thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

30 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Is'ra-ĕl;

31 That this shall be no grief unto thee. nor offense of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

32 T And David said to Ab'ī-gāil, Blessed be the LORD God of Iş'ra-ĕl, which sent thee this day to meet me:

33 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Is'ra-ël liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabăl by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

35 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her. Go up in peace to thine house; see. I have hearkened to thy voice, and

have accepted thy person.

36 C And Ab'i-gail came to Na'bal: and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nā'băl's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Na'bal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he

became as a stone.

38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Na'bal, that

he died.

39 ¶ And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of people by night; and, behold, Saul lay

LORD, and evil hath not been found in my reproach from the hand of Na'hall and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Na'bal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Ab'i-gail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the servants of David were come to Ab'i-gail to Car'mel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. 41 And she arose, and bowed herself

on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. 42 And Ab'i-gail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and be-

43 David also took A-hin'o-am of Tez: rē-ĕl; and they were also both of them

his wives.

came his wife.

44 ¶ But Saul had given Mi'chăl his daughter, David's wife, to Phal'ti the son of La'ish, which was of Gal'lim.

CHAPTER 26

AND the Ziph'ites came unto Saul to Gib'ē-ah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Ha-chi'lah. which is before Je-shi'mon?

2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Is'ra-el with him, to seek David in the wilderness of

Zĭph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Haehī'lah, which is before Jē-shī'mon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very

deed.

5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered David and said to A-him'ē-lĕch the Hit'tīte, and to A-bish' ā-ī the son of Zĕr'u-ī'āh, brother to Jo'ab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And A-bish'ā-i said. I will go down with thee.

7 So David and A-bish'ā-ī came to the

sleeping within the trench, and his spear

8 Then said A-bish'ā-ī to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

o And David said to A-bish'ā-ī, Destrov him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and

be guiltless?

10 David said furthermore. As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him: or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

II The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster. and the cruse of water, and let us go.

12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them. 13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of a hill afar off: a great space being between

14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that

criest to the king?

15 And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Is'ra-el? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the

king thy lord.

16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

17 And Saul knew David's voice, and said. Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord,

O king. 18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine

hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my stuck in the ground at his bolster: but lord the king hear the words of his serv-Abner and the people lay round about ant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men. cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD. saying, Go, serve other gods.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Is'ra-el is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a

partridge in the mountains.

21 Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David; for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold. I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to-day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eves of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail.

So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAPTER 27

ND David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Phi-lis'tines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Iş'rā-ĕl: so shall I escape out of his hand.

2 And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto A'ehish, the son of Mā'och,

king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with A'chish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, A-hin'o-am the Jez're-el-it'ess, and Ab'i-gail the Car'měl-it'ess, Nabăl's wife.

again for him.

5 T And David said unto A'chish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then A'chish gave him Zik'lag that day: wherefore Zik'lag pertaineth unto

the kings of Judah unto this day

7 And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Phi-lis'tines was a full ther by dreams, nor by U'rim, nor by

year and four months.

8 I And David and his men went up. and invaded the Gesh'ū-rītes, and the Gěz'rītes, and the Am'a-lek-ītes: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to A'chish.

10 And A'chish said, Whither have ye made a road to-day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Je-rah'me-el-ites, and against the south of the Ke'nites.

11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Phi-lis'tines.

12 And A'chish believed David, saving, He hath made his people Is'ra-el utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my

servant for ever.

CHAPTER 28

ND it came to pass in those days, that the Phi-lis'tines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Īş'rā-ĕl. And A'chish said unto David Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

2 And David said to A'chish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And A'chish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine

head for ever.

3 ¶ Now Samuel was dead, and all Îş'rā-ĕl had lamented him, and buried

4 And it was told Saul that David was And Saul had put away those that had fled to Gath: and he sought no more familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 And the Phi-lis'tines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shu'nem: and Saul gathered all Is'ra-el together, and they pitched in Gil-bō'a.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the Phi-lis'tines, he was afraid, and his

heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not nei-

prophets.

7 Then said Saul unto his servants. Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him. Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En'-dôr.

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I

shall name unto thee.

9 And the woman said unto him. Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards. out of the land: wherefore then lavest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this

thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said,

Bring me up Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.

13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods

ascending out of the earth.

14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

15 I And Samuel said to Saul, Why him in Rā'mah, even in his own city. hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Phi-lis'tines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine

enemy?

17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbor, even to David:

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Am'a-lek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this

day 19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Is'ra-el with thee into the hand of the Phi-lis'tines: and to-morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Iş'rā-ĕl into the

hand of the Phi-lis'tines.

20 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

21 ¶ And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy

way eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from not go fight against the enemies of my the earth, and sat upon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake

unleavened bread thereof:

25 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

CHAPTER 29

NOW the Phi-lis'tines gathered to-gether all their armies to A'phěk: and the İş'rā-ĕl-ītes pitched by a fountain which is in Tez're-el.

2 And the lords of the Phi-lis'tines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on

in the rearward with A'chish.

3 Then said the princes of the Phi-lis! tines, What do these Hebrews here? And A'ehish said unto the princes of the Phi-lis'tines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Is'ra-el, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?

4 And the princes of the Phi-lis'tines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Phi-lis'tines said unto him. Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these

5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten

thousands?

6 Then A'chish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favor thee not.

7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords

of the Phi-lis'tines.

8 M And David said unto A'chish, But 23 But he refused, and said, I will not what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may lord the king?

9 And A'chish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding, the princes of the Phi-lis'tines have said. He shall not go up with us to the

battle.

10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have

light, depart.

Il So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Phi-lis'tines. And the Phi-lis'tines went up to Jez'rē-ei.

CHAPTER 30

AND it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Zik'läg on the third day, that the Åm'å-lëk-ites had invaded the south, and Zik'läg, and smitten Zik'läg, and burned it with fire:

2 And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them

away, and went on their way.

3 ¶ So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's two wives were taken captives, A-hin'ō-ăm the Jez'rē-ĕl-īt'ĕss, and Ab'ī-gāil the wife of Nā'bāl the

Cär'mĕl-īte.

6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lorn his God.

7 And David said to Å-bi'á-thár the priest, Å-him'ē-lĕeh's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ĕph'ŏd. And Å-bi'á-thár brought thither the ĕph'ŏd to

David.

8 And David inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Be'sor, where those that

were left behind stayed.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Be'sor.

11 ¶ And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water:

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins; and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

13 And David said unto him, To whom belongest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Am'a-lêk-ite; and my master left me, because three days

agone I fell sick.

14 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cher's-thites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Zik'iag with fire.

15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring

thee down to this company.

16 ¶ And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Phi-lis' tines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day; and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

18 And David recovered all that the Am'a-lek-ites had carried away; and

David rescued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's

spoil.

21 ¶ And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Be'sor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

22 Then answered all the wicked men, and men of Bē'lī-al, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went

not with us, we will not give them auaht of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children. that they may lead them away, and

23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so. my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came

against us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.

25 And it was so from that day forward. that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Is'rā-ĕl unto this day.

26 C And when David came to Zik'lag. he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD:

27 To them which were in Beth-el, and to them which were in south Ra'moth, and to them which were in Jat'tir,

28 And to them which were in A-ro'er, and to them which were in Siph'moth. and to them which were in Esh'temō'à.

29 And to them which were in Ra'chal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jē-räh'mē-ĕl-ītes, and to them which were in the cities of the Ke'nītes.

30 And to them which were in Hor'mah. and to them which were in Chor-ash'an. and to them which were in A'thach.

31 And to them which were in Hē'bron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAPTER 31

NOW the Phi-lis'tines fought against Iş'rā-ĕl: and the men of Iş'rā-ĕl fled from before the Phi-lis'tines, and burnt them there. fell down slain in mount Gil-bo'à.

upon Saul and upon his sons; and the fasted seven days.

Phi-lis'tines slew Jonathan, and A-bin' à-dăb, and Měl'chi-shu'à, Saul's sons. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul unto his armorbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his

sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, that

same day together.

7 I And when the men of Is'rā-ĕl that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Is'ra-el fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philis'tines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Phi-lis'tines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three

sons fallen in mount Gil-bô'à.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Phi-lis'tines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.

10 And they put his armor in the house of Ash'tà-roth; and they fastened his

body to the wall of Beth'-shan'.

11 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Ta'. besh-gil'e-ad heard of that which the Phi-lis'tines had done to Saul.

12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Běth'-shăn', and came to Jā'běsh, and

13 And they took their bones, and 2 And the Phi-lis'tines followed hard buried them under a tree at Ia'besh, and

THE SECOND

BOOK OF SAMUEL

OTHERWISE CALLED, THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS

CHAPTER 1

TOW it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Am'a-lek-ites, and David had abode two days in Zik'lag:

2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent. and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him. Out of the camp of Is'rā-ĕl am I

escaped.

4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered. That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Ionathan his son be dead?

6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gil-bo'a, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I.

8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, İ am an Am'alĕk-īte.

9 He said unto me again, Stand. I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet

whole in me.

10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men

that were with him:

12 And they mourned, and wept, and

fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jona. than his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Iş'rā-ĕl; because they were fallen by the sword.

13 I And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Am'a-lek-ite.

14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?

15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.

16 And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

17

And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jona-

than his son:

18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: hehold, it is written in the book of Ja'sher:)

19 The beauty of Iş'rā-ĕl is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty

fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of As'ke-lon; lest the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gil-bo'a, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul

returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Ĭş'rā-ĕl, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights; who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou seven years and six months. wast slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

weapons of war perished!

CHAPTER 2

ND it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of young men now arise, and play before Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto He'bron.

2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, A-hin'ō-am the Jez'rē-elīt'ess, and Ab'ī-gāil Nā'băl's wife the

Cär'měl-ite.

3 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of He'bron.

4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Ja'beshgil'ë-ad were they that buried Saul.

5 ¶ And David sent messengers unto the men of Jā'besh-gil'e-ad, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have showed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have hand nor to the left from following buried him.

6 And now the LORD show kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye

have done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Tudah have anointed me king over them.

8 ¶ But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish'-bo'sheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to

Mā'ha-nā'im;

9 And made him king over Gil'ē-ăd. and over the Ash'ŭr-ites, and over Tezrē-ĕl, and over E'phrā-im, and over Ben-

jamin, and over all Iş'rā-ĕl.

years old when he began to reign and he fell down there, and died in the over Is'ra-ël, and reigned two years, same place: and it came to pass, that as But the house of Judah followed David. many as came to the place where As'a-

25 How are the mighty fallen in the in He'bron over the house of Judah was

12 I And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish'-bo'sheth the son of Saul, went out from Mā'ha-nā'im to

Gib'ē-on.

13 And Jo'ab the son of Zer'u-i'ah, and 27 How are the mighty fallen, and the the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gib'e-on: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

> 14 And Abner said to To'ab. Let the us. And Jo'ab said, Let them arise.

> 15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which pertained to Ish'-bo'sheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

> 16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkăth-hăz'zū-rim, which is in Gib'ē-on.

17 And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Iş'rā-ĕl, before the servants

of David.

18 I And there were three sons of Zĕr'u-ī'āh there, Jō'āb, and A-bīsh'ā-ī, and As'a-hel: and As'a-hel was as light of foot as a wild roe.

19 And As'a-hel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right

20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said. Art thou As'a-hel? And he an-

swered, I am.

21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armor. But As'a-hel would not turn aside from following of him.

22 And Abner said again to As'a-hel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my

face to Jo'ab thy brother?

23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib. 10 Ish'-bō'sheth Saul's son was forty that the spear came out behind him; 11 And the time that David was king hel fell down and died stood still.

24 To'ab also and A-bish'a-i pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Am' mah, that lieth before Gi'ah by the way of the wilderness of Gib'e-on.

25 C And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together Abner, and became one troop, and stood

on the top of a hill.

26 Then Abner called to To'ab, and said. Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

27 And Jo'ab said, As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.

28 So Jo'ab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Is'ra-ël no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bith'ron, and they came to Ma'ha-

30 And Jo'ab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Ăs'à-hěl.

31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, so that three hundred and threescore men

32 ¶ And they took up As'a-hel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father. which was in Beth-lehem. And Jo'ab and his men went all night, and they came to He'bron at break of day.

CHAPTER 3

NOW there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 M And unto David were sons born in Hē'bron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of A-hin'o-am the Tez're-el-it'ess:

3 And his second, Chil'ē-āb, of Ab'i-gāil the wife of Nā'bāl the Cār'mĕl-īte; and the third, Ab'sā-lom the son of Mā'a-cah the daughter of Tal'mai king of Ge'shur:

Hag'gith; and the fifth, Sheph'a-ti'ah the son of Ab'i-tal; 5 And the sixth, Ith're-am, by Eg'lah

David's wife. These were born to David

in Hē'bron.

6 I And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.

7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Riz'pah, the daughter of A-i'ah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner. Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my

father's concubine?

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish'-bo'sheth, and said, Am I a dog's head, which against Judah do show kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to-day with a fault concerning this woman?

9 So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to

David, even so I do to him;

10 To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Iş'rā-ĕl and over Judah, from Dan even to Bē'er-shē'bà.

11 And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Is'ra-el unto thee.

13 T And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Mi'chal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to

see my face.

14 And David sent messengers to Ish'bö'shěth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Mi'chal, which I espoused to me for a hundred foreskins of the Philĭs'tĭnes

15 And Ish'-bo'sheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phăl'ti-ĕl

the son of La'ish.

16 And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Ba-hū'rīm. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return, And he returned.

17 ¶ And Abner had communication 4 And the fourth, Ad'o-ni'jah the son of with the elders of Is'ra-el, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be

king over you:

18 Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Iş'rā-ĕl out of the hand of the Phi-listines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in He'bron all that seemed good to Is'rā-ĕl, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to He'bron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with

him a feast.

21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Is ra-el unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And, behold, the servants of David and Jo'ab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in He'bron; for he had sent him away, and

he was gone in peace.

23 When Jō'āb and all the host that was with him were come, they told Jō'āb, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Jo'ab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite

goner

25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

26 And when Jō'āb was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Si'rāh; but David knew it not.

27 And when Abner was returned to He'bron, Jō'āb took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Ås'à-hel his brother.

28 ¶ And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner.

29 Let it rest on the head of Jō'āb; and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Jō'āb one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.

30 So Jō'āh and A-bīsh'ā-ī his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother As'ā-hēl at Gīb'ē-on in the

battle.

31 ¶ And David said to Jō'āb, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sack-cloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier.

32 And they buried Abner in He'bron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the

people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?

34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him.

35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the sun be down.

36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; as whatsoever the

king did pleased all the people.

37 For all the people and all Is/rā-ël understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Nër. 38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Is/rā-ēl?

39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zer u-rah be too hard for me: the Lord shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

CHAPTER 4

AND when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in He'bron, his hands were feeble, and all the Iş'rā-

ěl-ītes were troubled.

2 And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Bā'ā-nāh, and the name of the other Rē'chāb, the sons of Rim'mön a Bē-ē'rŏth-īte, of the children of Benjamin: (for Bē-ē'rŏth also was reckoned to Benjamin:

3 And the Bē-ē'rŏth-ītes fled to Gĭt'tāim, and were sojourners there until this

day.)

4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jez're-el, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mē-phib'ō-sheth.

5 And the sons of Rim'mon the Be-eroth-ite, Re'chab and Ba'a-nah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish'-bo'sheth, who lay on

a bed at noon.

6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him under the fifth rib: and Re'chab and

Bä'à-nàh his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night.

8 And they brought the head of Ish' bō'shĕth unto David to Hē'bron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish'-bō'sheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.

9 ¶ And David answered Rē'chāb and Bā'a-nah his brother, the sons of Rim' mon the Be-e'roth-ite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath

sity, 10 When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him. and slew him in Zik'lag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his tidings:

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in He'bron. But they took the head of Ish'-bo'sheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hê'bron.

CHAPTER 5

HEN came all the tribes of Is'ra-el to David unto He'bron, and spake. saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Is'ra-el; and the Lorn said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people s'rā-el, and thou shalt be a captain over Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

3 So all the elders of Is'ra-el came to the king to He'bron; and king David made a league with them in He'bron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Iş'rā-ĕl.

4 T David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hē'bron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Iş'rā-ĕl and Judah.

6 4 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jeb'ū-sītes, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion: the same is the city of

8 And David said on that day, Whoseever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jeb'ū-sites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, redeemed my soul out of all adver- he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Mil'lo and inward.

10 And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

11 ¶ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees. and carpenters, and masons: and they built David a house.

12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Îs'rā-ĕl. and that he had exalted his kingdom for

his people Is'rā-ĕl's sake.

13 ¶ And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from He bron: and there were yet sons and daughters born thence the ark of God, whose name is

to David. 14 And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem: Sham-mū'ah, and Sho'bab, and Nathan,

and Solomon, 15 Íb'här also, and Ěl'ī-shū'à, and

Në'pheg, and Ja-phi'a,

16 And E-lish'a-mä, and E-li'a-da, and E-liph'a-let.

17 ¶ But when the Phi-lis'tines heard that they had anointed David king over Is'rā-ĕl, all the Phi-lis'tines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold.

18 The Phi-lis'tines also came and spread themselves in the valley of

Reph'a-im.

19 And David inquired of the LORD, saving, Shall I go up to the Phi-lis'tines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philis'tines into thine hand.

20 And David came to Ba'al-pe-ra'zim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name

of that place Ba'al-pe-ra'zim.

21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

22 C And the Phi-lis'tines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the

valley of Reph'a-im.

23 And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come trees.

24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Phī-līs'tīneş.

25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him: and smote the Philis'tines from Gë'bà until thou come to

Gā'zēr.

CHAPTER 6

AGAIN, David gathered together all the chosen men of Iş'rā-ĕl, thirty thousand.

Bā'a-lē of Judah, to bring up from trumpet.

called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubim.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of A-bin'à-dăb that was in Gib'ē-ah: and Uz'zah and A-hī'ō, the sons of A-bin'adab, drave the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of A-bin'a-dab which was at Gib'e-ah, accompanying the ark of God: and

A-hi'ō went before the ark,

5 And David and all the house of Iş'rā-ĕl played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries. and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 ¶ And when they came to Nā'chon's threshingfloor, Uz'zah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it;

for the oxen shook it.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uz'zah, and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uz'zah: and he called the name of the place Pë'rëz-ŭz'zah to this day.

9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of

the LORD come to me?

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of O'bed-e'dom the Git'tite. 11 And the ark of the LORD continued upon them over against the mulberry in the house of O'bed-e'dom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Ö'běd-ē'dom, and all his household.

12 ¶ And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house, of O'bed-e'dom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of O'bed-e'dom into the city of David with gladness.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. 14 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded

with a linen eph'od.

15 So David and all the house of 2 And David arose, and went with all Iş'rā-ĕl brought up the ark of the LORD the people that were with him from with shouting, and with the sound of the

16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Mī'chāl Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 ¶ And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the

name of the LORD of hosts.

19 And he dealt among all the people. even among the whole multitude of is'rā-el, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house.

20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Mi'chal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Iş'rā-ĕl to-day, who uncovered himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

21 And David said unto Mi'chăl, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Iş'rā-ĕl: therefore will I play

before the LORD.

22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honor.

23 Therefore Mi'chal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her

death.

CHAPTER 7

AND it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies:

2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth with-

in curtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the LORD is

with thee.

4 C And it came to pass that night that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, 5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus

saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me a

house for me to dwell in?

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in anu house since the time that I brought up the children of Is'ra-el out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Is'ra-el spake I a word with any of the tribes of Iş'rā-ĕl, whom I commanded to feed my people Is'rā-ĕl, saying, Why build ye

not me a house of cedar?

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Is'ra-el:

9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth.

10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Is'ra-el, and will plant them. that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Iş'rā-ĕl, and have caused thee to rest

from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee a

house.

12 I And when thy days be fulfilled. and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build a house for my name. and I will stablish the throne of his king-

dom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I

put away before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. 17 According to all these words, and Nathan speak unto David.

18 Then went king David in, and sat hefore the LORD, and he said, Who am I. O Lord Goo? and what is my house. that thou hast brought me hitherto?

10 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GoD; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great Phi-lis'tines. while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord GoD?

20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord God, knowest thy

servant.

21 For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.

22 Wherefore thou art great. O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our

ears.

23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Iş'rā-ĕl, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from and twenty thousand men. the nations and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people İş'rā-ĕl to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art be-

come their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house. establish it for ever, and do as thou hast

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Iş'rā-ĕl: and let the house of thy servant David be established before

thee.

27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Is'rā-ĕl, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee a house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

28 And now, O Lord God, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy

servant:

29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it which he subdued; may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it: and children of Ammon, and of the Phi-list

according to all this vision, so did with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

CHAPTER 8

AND after this it came to pass, that David smote the Phi-lis'tines, and subdued them: and David took Metheg-am'mah out of the hand of the

2 And he smote Mo'ab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to

the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Mô'abites became David's servants. and brought gifts.

3 ¶ David smote also Hăd'ăd-ē'zēr, the son of Re'hob, king of Zo'bah, as he went to recover his border at the river

Eū-phrā'tēs.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succor Had'ad-e'zer king of Zō'bah, David slew of the Syrians two

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Had'ad-ezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Be'tah, and from Be-rothai, cities of Had'ad-e'zer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 ¶ When Tô'i king of Hā'măth heard that David had smitten all the host of

Hăd'ăd-ē'zēr,

10 Then Tổ'i sent Jồ'răm his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hăd'ăd-ē'zēr, and smitten him: for Hăd'ăd-ē'zēr had wars with To'i. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

11 Which also king David did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations

12 Of Syria, and of Mo'ab, and of the

tines, and of Am'a-lek, and of the spoil restore thee all the land of Saul thy of Had'ad-e'zer, son of Re'hob, king of father; and thou shalt eat bread at my Zö'bàh.

13 And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, being eighteen thou-

sand men.

14 ¶ And he put garrisons in E'dom; throughout all E'dom put he garrisons, and all they of E'dom became David's And the LORD preserved house. David whithersoever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Is'rā-ĕl: and David executed judgment and jus-

tice unto all his people.

16 And Jo'ab the son of Zer'u-i'ah was over the host; and Je-hosh'a-phat the son of A-hi'lud was recorder:

17 And Zā'dŏk the son of A-hī'tŭb, and A-him'ē-lech the son of A-bi'a-thar. were the priests; and Se-ra'iah was the scribe:

18 And Be-na'iah the son of Te-hoi'a-da was over both the Cher'e-thites and the Pěl'ē-thītes: and David's sons were

chief rulers.

CHAPTER 9

AND David said, Is there yet any that A is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?

2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Zi'ba. And when they had called him unto David. the king said unto him, Art thou Zi'bà? And he said, Thy servant is he.

3 And the king said. Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him? And Zī'bā said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Zi'ba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Ma'chir, the son of Am'mi-ĕl, in Lō'-dē'bar.

5 If Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Ma'chir, the son

of Am'mi-ĕl, from Lō'-dē'bär.

6 Now when Mē-phib'ō-shĕth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mē-phib'ōsheth. And he answered, Behold thy servanti

7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely show thee kindness in the middle, even to their buttocks, for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will and sent them away.

table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

9 Then the king called to Zi'ba. Saul's servant, and said unto him. I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his

10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him. and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mē-phib'ō-sheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Zi'ba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then said Zi'ba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mé-phib'o-sheth. said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

12 And Mē-phib'ō-sheth had a young son, whose name was Mi'cha, And all that dwelt in the house of Zi'ba were servants unto Mē-phib'ō-sheth.

13 So Mē-phib'ō-shěth dwelt in Terusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

CHAPTER 10

AND it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Ha'nun his son reigned in his stead.

2 Then said David, I will show kindness unto Hā'nun the son of Nā'hash, as his father showed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hā'nun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?

4 Wherefore Ha'nun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments grown, and then return.

6 C And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Běth'-rê'hob, and the Syrians of Zō'ba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Mā'à-càh a thousand men, and

of Ish'-tob twelve thousand men. 7 And when David heard of it, he sent Jo'ab, and all the host of the mighty

8 And the children of Ammon came out. and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zo'ba, and of Re'höb, and Ish'-töb, and Mā'a-cah, were by themselves in the field.

9 When Jo'ab saw that the front of the hattle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Īs'rā-ĕl, and put them in array against

the Syrians:

10 And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of A-bish'a-i his brother, that he might put them in array against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which

seemeth him good.

13 And Jo'ab drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fied, then fied they also before A-bish'a-i, and entered into the city. So Jo'ab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Terusalem.

15 C And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Is'ra-el, they

gathered themselves together.

16 And Hăd'ar-ē'zēr sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river: and they came to He'lam: and Shō'băch the captain of the host of Hăd'ar-ē'zēr went before them.

17 And when it was told David, he

5 When they told it unto David, he sent gathered all Is'ra-el together, and to meet them, because the men were passed over Jordan, and came to Hegreatly ashamed: and the king said, lam. And the Syrians set themselves in Tarry at Jer'i-cho until your beards be array against David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Is'rā-ĕI; and David slew the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there.

19 And when all the kings that were servants to Had'ar-e'zer saw that they were smitten before Iş'rā-ĕl, they made peace with Is'ra-ĕl, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAPTER 11

ND it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Jō'āb, and his servants with him, and all Is'rā-ĕl; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Răb'bah. But David tarried still at Terusalem.

2 If And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was

very beautiful to look upon.

3 And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Băth'-shē'ba, the daughter of E-li'am, the wife of U-rī'ah the Hīt'tīte?

4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with

child.

6 ¶ And David sent to Jo'ab, saying, Send me U-ri'ah the Hit'tite. And Jo'ab

sent Ū-rī'ah to David.

7 And when U-rī'ah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Jo'ab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

8 And David said to U-rī'ah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And U-rī'ah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king.

9 But U-ri'ah slept at the door of the

king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, U-ri'ah went not down unto his house, David said unto U-ri'ah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house?

11 And U-ri'ah said unto David, The ark, and Iş'rā-ĕl, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Jo'ab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.

12 And David said to U-rī'ah, Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart. So U-rī'ah abode in

Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14 I And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Jo'ab, and sent it by the hand of U-ri'ah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye U-rī'āh in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to pass, when Jo'ab observed the city, that he assigned U-rī'ah unto a place where he knew that

valiant men were.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with To'ab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and U-rī'ah the Hĭt'tīte died also.

18 Then Jo'ab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they

would shoot from the wall?

21 Who smote A-bim'ē-leeh the son of Jěr'ŭb-bē'shěth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in The bez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant U-ri'ah the Hit'tite is dead also.

22 ¶ So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Jo'ab had art the man. Thus saith the LORD God

sent him for.

23 And the messenger said unto David. Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant U-ri'ah the Hit'tite is dead also.

25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Jo'ab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of U-ri'ah heard that U-ri'ah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house. and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

CHAPTER 12

AND the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich man had exceeding many

flocks and herds:

3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children: it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveler unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him: but took the poor man's lamb. and dressed it for the man that was

come to him.

5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:

6 And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and be-

cause he had no pity.

7 And Nathan said to David, Thou of Is'rā-ĕl, I anointed thee king over

hand of Saul:

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom. and gave thee the house of Iş'ra-el and of Tudah; and if that had been too little. I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed U-ri'ah the Hit'tite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of

Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of U-ri'ah the Hit'tite to be thy

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold. I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Is'ra-el, and be-

fore the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

15 C And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck the child that U-rī'ah's wife bare unto David, and

it was very sick.

16 David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

17 And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did

he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?

Is'rā-ēl, and I delivered thee out of the ants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants. Is the child dead?

And they said. He is dead.

20 Then David arose from the earth and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat.

21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive: but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said. Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not

return to me.

24 C And David comforted Băth'shē'ba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon; and the LORD loved him.

25 And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jed'i-di'ah, because of the LORD.

26 ¶ And To'ab fought against Rab'bah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Jō'āb sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Răb'bah, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rab'bah, and

fought against it, and took it.

30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he 19 But when David saw that his serv- unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people brother, do not force me; for no such returned unto Terusalem.

CHAPTER 13

↑ND it came to pass after this, that Ab'sà-lòm the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Ta'mar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Ta'mar: for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for

him to do any thing to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Ton'a-dab, the son of Shim'e-ah David's brother: and Jon'a-dab was a

very subtile man.

4 And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tā'mar, my brother Ab'sa-lōm's sister. 5 And Jōn'a-dāb said unto him, Lay

thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my

sister Ta'mar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.

6 I So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Ta'mar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

7 Then David sent home to Ta'mar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's

house, and dress him meat.

8 So Tā'mar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

10 And Amnon said unto Tā'mār. Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Ta'mar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12 And she answered him, Nay, my

thing ought to be done in Is'ra-el: do not thou this folly.

13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shall be as one of the fools in Is'ra-el. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king: for he will not withhold me from thee.

14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she.

forced her, and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her exceed. ingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her, And Am. non said unto her, Arise, be gone.

16 And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken

unto her.

17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the

door after her.

18 And she had a garment of divers colors upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins appareled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

19 ¶ And Tā'mar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Ab'sa-lom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Ta'mar remained desolate in her brother Ab'sà-lŏm's house,

21 ¶ But when king David heard of all

these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Ab'sa-lom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Åb'så-löm hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Ta'mar.

23 ¶ And it came to pass after two full years, that Ab'sa-lom had sheepshearers in Bā'āl-hā'zŏr, which is beside E'phrāim: and Ab'sa-lom invited all the king's

sons.

24 And Ab'sa-lom came to the king and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant.

25 And the king said to Ab'sa-lom, Nav. my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then said Ab'sa-lom, If not, I prav thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should

he go with thee?

27 But Ab'sa-lom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 @ Now Ab'sa-lom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded

you? be courageous, and be valiant. 29 And the servants of Ab'sa-lom did unto Amnon as Ab'sa-lom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

30 (And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Ab'sà-lòm hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes

rent.

32 And Jon'a-dab, the son of Shim'e-ah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Ab'sa-lom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tā'mar.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think

Amnon only is dead.

34 But Ab'sa-lom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hillside behind him.

35 And Jon'a-dab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy

servant said, so it is.

36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted aught unto thee, bring him to me, and he up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

Täl'mai, the son of Am-mi'hud, king of Ge'shur. And David mourned for his son every day.

38 So Ab'sà-lòm fled, and went to Gë-

shur, and was there three years. 39 And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Ab'sa-lom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

CHAPTER 14

TOW Jô'āb the son of Zer'u-i'ah per-ceived that the king's heart was toward Ab'sa-lom.

2 And Jo'ab sent to Te-ko'ah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

3 And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Jo'ab put the

words in her mouth.

4 I And when the woman of Te-ko'ah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king.

5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine hus-

band is dead.

6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one

smote the other, and slew him.

7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall that all the king's sons are dead: for quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the earth.

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge

concerning thee.

9 And the woman of Te-ko'ah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne be guiltless.

10 And the king said, Whosoever saith

shall not touch thee any more.

11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the 37 I But Ab'sa-lom fled, and went to king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak one word unto my lord the king. And he said,

Say on.

13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.

14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person; yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not ex-

pelled from him.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

16 For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.

17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the

king now speak.

19 And the king said, Is not the hand of Jo'āb with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Jo'āb, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:

20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Jo'ab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

21 ¶ And the king said unto Jō'āb, him: and when he had called for Ab'sà-

Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Åb'sa-löm again.

22 And Jō'āb fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Jō'āb said, To-day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his

servant.

23 So Jō'āb arose and went to Gē'shūr, and brought Ab'sa-lŏm to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Ab'sa-löm returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

25 ¶ But in all Iş'rā-ĕi there was none to be so much praised as Åb'sā-löm for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no

blemish in him.

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it; because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.

27 And unto Ab'sa-lom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tā'mar; she was a

woman of a fair countenance.

28 Q So Ab'sá-löm dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's

29 Therefore Åb'så-löm sent for Jō'āb, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not

come.

30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Jō'āb's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire.

And Ab'sa-lōm's servants set the field

on fire.
31 Then Jō'āb arose, and came to Åb'så-lōm unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set

my field on fire?

32 And Åb'så-löm answered Jō'āb, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Gō'shūr? it had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Jō'āb came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Ab'sà-

the king; and the king kissed Ab'sa-lom. continually with Ab'sa-lom.

CHAPTER 15

AND it came to pass after this, that Ab'sa-lom prepared him chariots him.

2 And Ab'sa-lom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Ab'sa-lom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Js/ra-ĕl.

3 And Ab'sa-lom said unto him. See. thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear

thee

4 Ab'sa-lom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice!

5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance. he put forth his hand, and took him, and

kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Ab'sa-lom to all Is'ra-ël that came to the king for judgment: so Ab'sa-lom stole the hearts of the men of Iş'rā-ĕl.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after forty years, that Ab'sa-lom said unto the king. I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD,

in He'bron.

8 For thy servant vowed a vow while Tahode at Gë'shur in Syria, saving, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. 9 And the king said unto him. Go

in peace. So he arose, and went to

He'bron

10 T But Ab'sa-lom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Ab'sa-lom reigneth in He'bron.

11 And with Ab'sa-lom went two huncalled; and they went in their simplicity,

and they knew not any thing.

12 And Ab'sa-lom sent for A-hith'ophěl the Gi'lo-nite, David's counselor,

lom, he came to the king, and bowed offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy himself on his face to the ground before was strong; for the people increased

> 13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of

Is'rā-el are after Ab'sà-lom.

14 And David said unto all his servants and horses, and fifty men to run before that were with him at Jerusalem. Arise. and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Ab'sa-lom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly. and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are readu to do whatsoever my lord the king shall

appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place

that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cher'e-thites, and all the Pel'e-thites, and all the Git tites. six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then said the king to It'tā-i the Git'tite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and

also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee.

21 And Ĭt'tā-ī answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy

servant be.

22 And David said to Ĭt'tā-ī, Go and pass over. And It'ta-i the Git'tite passed over, and all his men, and all the little

ones that were with him.

23 And all the country went with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: dred men out of Jerusalem, that were the king also himself passed over the brook Kid'ron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 T And lo Zā'dok also, and all the Lê'vites were with him, bearing the ark from his city, even from Gi'loh, while he of the covenant of God: and they set went up, until all the people had done that ye can hear.

passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zā'dŏk, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation:

26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to

me as seemeth good unto him.

27 The king said also unto Zā'dŏk the priest, Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, A-him'ā-az thy son, and Jonathan the son of A-bi'a-thar.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from

you to certify me.

29 Zā'dŏk therefore and A-bī'a-thar carried the ark of God again to Jerusa-

lem: and they tarried there.

30 M And David went up by the ascent of mount Ol'i-vet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 C And one told David, saving. A-hith o-phel is among the conspirators with Ab'sa-lom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of thy sight, my lord, O king.

A-hith'o-phel into foolishness.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hū'shaī the Ar'chite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be

a burden unto me:

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Ab'sa-lom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of A-hith'o-phel.

35 And hast thou not there with thee Zā'dŏk and A-bī'a-thar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Za'dok and A-bī'a-thar the priests.

their two sons, A-him'ā-az Zā'dŏk's son, let me go over, I pray thee, and take off and Jonathan A-bi'a-thar's son; and by his head.

down the ark of God; and A-bi'a-thar them ye shall send unto me every thing

37 So Hū'shaī David's friend came into the city, and Ab'sa-lom came into Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 16

ND when David was a little past the A top of the hill, behold, Zi'ba the servant of Me-phib'o-sheth met him. with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Zi'ba, What meanest thou by these? And Zi'ba said The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilder-

ness may drink.

3 And the king said, And where is the master's son? And Zi'ba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To-day shall the house of Is'rā-ĕl restore me the kingdom of my father.

4 Then said the king to Zi'ba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephib'o-sheth. And Zi'ba said, I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in

5 And when king David came to Bà-hū'rim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul whose name was Shim'e-i, the son of Ge'ra: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.

7 And thus said Shim'ē-ī when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Be'li-al. 8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the

LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Ab'sà-lom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man.

9 Then said A-bish'ā-ī the son of Zĕr'u-ī'āh unto the king, Why should 36 Behold, they have there with them this dead dog curse my lord the king?

him curse, because the LORD hath said sa-lom. unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And David said to A-bish'ā-i, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Beniamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this

day.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shim'ē-i went along on the hillside over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and re-

freshed themselves there.

15 C And Ab'sa-lom, and all the people the men of Iş'rā-ĕl, came to Jeru-salem, and A-hith'ō-phĕl with him.

16 And it came to pass, when Hu'shai the Ar'chite, David's friend, was come unto Ab'sà-lòm, that Hū'shai said unto Ab'sa-lom, God save the king, God save the king.

17 And Ab'sa-lom said to Hū'shai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 And Hū'shai said unto Ab'sa-lom, Nav: but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Iş'rā-ĕl, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 ¶ Then said Åb'så-löm to Å-hith'ō-

phěl, Give counsel among you what we

shall do.

21 And A-hith'o-phel said unto Ab'salom. Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Iş'rā-ĕl shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong.

upon the top of the house; and Ab'sa-

in the sight of all Iş'rā-ĕl.

10 And the king said, What have I to do God: so was all the counsel of A-hith'owith you, ye sons of Zer'u-i'ah? so let phel both with David and with Ab-

CHAPTER 17

OREOVER À-hìth'ō-phěl said unto Áb'sà-lŏm, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night:

2 And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the

king only:

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace.

4 And the saying pleased Ab'sa-lom well, and all the elders of Is'ra-el.

5 Then said Ab'sa-lom, Call now Hū' shai the Ar'chite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith.

6 And when Hu'shai was come to Abså-lom, Åb'så-lom spake unto him, saying, A-hith'o-phel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not, speak thou.

7 And Hū'shai said unto Ab'sa-lom. The counsel that A-hith'o-phel hath

given is not good at this time.

8 For, said Hū'shai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the

people that follow Ab'sa-lom.

10 And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Is'rā-ĕl knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant

11 Therefore I counsel that all Is'ra-ĕl be generally gathered unto thee, from 22 So they spread Ab'sa-lom a tent Dan even to Be'er-she'ba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and lom went in unto his father's concubines that thou go to battle in thine own person.

23 And the counsel of A-hith'o-phel, 12 So shall we come upon him in some which he counseled in those days, was place where he shall be found, and we as if a man had inquired at the oracle of will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be

left so much as one.

13 Moreover if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Is'rā-ĕl bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Åb'så-löm and all the men of Is'rå-ël said, The counsel of Hü'shai the Ar'chite is better than the counsel of Å-hith'ō-phĕl. For the Lord had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Å-hith'ō-phĕl, to the intent that the Lord might bring evil upon Åb'så-löm.

15 ¶ Then said Hü'shai unto Zā'dök

and to A-bi'á-thàr the priests, Thus and thus did A-hith'ō-phēl counsel Ab'sà-lòm and the elders of Is'rā-ēl; and thus

and thus have I counseled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him.

17 Now Jonathan and A-him'ā-āz stayed by En-rō'gēi; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they

went and told king David.

18 Nevertheless, a lad saw them, and told Åb'sà-löm: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bà-hū'rīm, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.

19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the

thing was not known.

20 And when Ab'sa-löm's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where is A-him'a-za and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath A-hith'o-

phěl counseled against you.

22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 ¶ And when Å-hith'ō-phĕl saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and put his house, hold in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then David came to Mā'hà-nā'im. And Åb'sà-löm passed over Jordan, he and all the men of İş'rā-ĕl with him.

25 ¶ And Åb'så-löm made Åm'å-så captain of the host instead of Jō'āb: which Ām'ā-sā was a man's son, whose name was Ith'rā an Iş'ā-ël-ite, that went in to Āb'ī-gāil the daughter of Nā'hāsh, sister to Zĕr'u-i'āh Jō'āb's mother.

26 So Ĭş'rā-ĕl and Āb'sa-lom pitched

in the land of Gil'e-ad.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, when David was come to Mā'hā-nā'im, that Shō'hi the son of Nā'hāsh of Rāb'bāh of the children of Ammon, and Mā'chir the son of Am'mī-ĕl of Lō'-dē'bār, and Bār-zu' lā-ī the Gil'e-ād-ite of Rō'gē-lim,

28 Brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans,

and lentils, and parched pulse,

29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

CHAPTER 18

AND David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds

over them.

2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Jo'ab, and a third part under the hand of A-bish'a:1 the son of Zér'u-l'ah, Jo'ab's brother, and a third part under the hand of l't'a:i the Git'tite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succor us out of

the city.

4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the

Absalom slain. Tidings sent to David

people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Jo'ab and A-bish'a-ī and It'tā-ī, saying, Deal cently for my sake with the young man. even with Ab'sa-lom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the cantains charge concerning Ab'sà-lòm.

6 C So the people went out into the field against Is'ra-el: and the battle was

in the wood of E'phrā-im;
7 Where the people of Iş'rā-ĕl were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men.

8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day

than the sword devoured.

o (And Ab'sa-lom met the servants of David. And Ab'sa-lom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

10 And a certain man saw it, and told To'ab, and said, Behold, I saw Ab'sa-lom

hanged in an oak.

11 And Jo'ab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him. and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given

thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle. 12 And the man said unto Jô'āb, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and A-bish'a-i and It'ta-i, saving, Beware that none touch the young man Ab'sa-lom.

13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself

against me.

14 Then said Jô'ab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Ab'sa-lom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bare Jo'ab's armor compassed about and smote

Ab'sa-lom, and slew him.

the people returned from pursuing after down to the earth upon his face before

Is'rā-ĕl; for Jō'āb held back the people. 17 And they took Ab'sa-lom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Is'rā-ĕl fled every one to his

tent.

18 ¶ Now Åb'sà-lŏm in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Ab'sa-lom's place.

19 I Then said A-him'a-az the son of Zā'dok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath

avenged him of his enemies.

20 And Jo'ab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead

21 Then said Jo'ab to Cū'shī, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cū'shi bowed himself unto To'ab, and

22 Then said A-him'ā-az the son of Zā'dŏk vet again to Tō'āb. But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cū'shī. And Jō'āb said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready?

23 But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then A-him'a-az ran by the way of the plain,

and overran Cū'shî.

24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said. He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, Methinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of A-him'ā-az the son of Zādok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And A-him'ā-az called, and said 16 And To'ab blew the trumpet, and unto the king, All is well. And he fell

the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my

lord the king.

29 And the king said, Is the young man Ăb'sā-lŏm safe? And A-him'a-az answered, When Jo'ab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant. I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was.

30 And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned

aside, and stood still.

31 And, behold, Cū'shī came; and Cū'shī said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

32 And the king said unto Cū'shī, Is the young man Ab'sà-lom safe? And Cū'shī answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is.

33 ¶ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Ab'sa-lom! my son, my son Ab'sa-lom! would God I had died for thee, O Ab'sa-lom, my son, my son!

CHAPTER 19

AND it was told Jō'āb, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Ăb'sà-lŏm.

2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the

king was grieved for his son.

3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle.

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice. O my son Åb'så-löm! O Åb'så-löm, my son, my

son!

5 And Jo'ab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;

6 In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest Benjamin with him, and Zi'bà the servneither princes nor servants: for this ant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen

lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Iş'rā-ĕl had fled every man

to his tent.

9 ¶ And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Is'ra-el. saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Phi-lis'tines; and now he is fled out of the land for Åb'så-löm.

10 And Ab'sà-lom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bring.

ing the king back?

11 ¶ And king David sent to Zā'dŏk and to A-bi'a-thar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Iş'rā-ĕl is come to the king, even to his house.

12 Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the

last to bring back the king?

13 And say ye to Am'a-sa, Art thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of To'ab.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent this word unto the king, Return thou, and all thy

servants.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gil'gal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 ¶ And Shim'ē-ī the son of Gē'rá, a Benjamite, which was of Ba-hū'rīm. hasted and came down with the men of

Judah to meet king David.

17 And there were a thousand men of day I perceive, that if Ab'sa-lom had sons and his twenty servants with him;

and they went over Jordan before the

king. 18 And there went over a ferryboat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shim'e-i the son of Gë'ra fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan;

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant

did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. 20 For thy servant doth know that I

have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord

the king. 21 But A-bish'ā-ī the son of Zĕr'u-ī'āh answered and said, Shall not Shim'ē-i be put to death for this, because he

cursed the LORD's anointed?

22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zer'u-i'ah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I am this day king over Iş'rā-ĕl?

ē-i, Thou shalt not die. And the king

sware unto him.

24 ¶ And Mē-phib'ō-shěth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came again in peace.

25 And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me. Mē-phib'o-

sheth?

26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant is lame.

27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore

what is good in thine eyes.

28 For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Zi'ba divide the

land. 30 And Mē-phib'ō-shĕth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in

peace unto his own house.

31 ¶ And Bär-zĭl'lā-ī the Gĭl'ē-ăd-īte came down from Ro'ge-lim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Bär-zil'lā-ī was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mā'hà-nā'im; for he was

a very great man. 33 And the king said unto Bär-zil'lā-ī, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Bär-zīl'lā-ī said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

35 I am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant 23 Therefore the king said unto Shim' be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chim'ham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chim'ham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require

of me, that will I do for thee. 39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Bär-zil'lā-ī, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 Then the king went on to Gil'gal, and Chim'ham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Iş'ra-ĕi. 41 ¶ And, behold, all the men of

Iş'rā-el came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and 29 And the king said unto him, Why have brought the king, and his house-

Joab bursueth Sheba and slayeth Amasa

hold, and all David's men with him,

over Tordan?

42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Iş'rā-ĕl, Because the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift?

43 And the men of Is'rā-ĕl answered hand to kiss him. the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of pursued after She'ba the son of Bich'ri. the men of Is'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 20

AND there happened to be there a man of Bē'li-āl, whose name was Shē'bà, the son of Bich'rī, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O İş'rā-ĕl.

2 So every man of İş'rā-ĕl went up

from after David, and followed She'ba the son of Bich'ri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even

to Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And David came to his house at Jerusalem: and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 ¶ Then said the king to Åm'å-så, Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present.

5 So Am'a-sa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to A-bish'ā-ī, Now shall She'bà the son of Bich'rī do us more harm than did Ab'sà-lom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us.

7 And there went out after him To'ab's men, and the Cher'e-thites, and the Pěl'e-thites, and all the mighty men; shall surely ask counsel at Abel; and so and they went out of Jerusalem, to pur- they ended the matter. sue after She'ba the son of Bich'ri.

fore them. And Jo'ab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out.

9 And Jo'ab said to Am'a-sa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Jo'ab took Am'a-sa by the beard with the right

10 But Am'a-sa took no heed to the sword that was in Jo'ab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib. and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Jo'ab and A-bish'a-i his brother

11 And one of Jo'ab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoreth Io'ab. and he that is for David, let him go after

Tō'āb.

12 And Am'a-sa wallowed in blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still. he removed Am'a-sa out of the highway into the field, and cast a cloth upon him. when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

13 When he was removed out of the highway, all the people went on after Jo'ab, to pursue after She'ba the son of

Bich'ri.

14 ¶ And he went through all the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl unto Abel, and to Beth'-ma'a-chah, and all the Be'rites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth'-ma'a-chah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that were with Jo'ab battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 ¶ Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Jo'ab, Come near hither, that I may

speak with thee.

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou Jo'ab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear.

18 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They

19 I am one of them that are peaceable 8 When they were at the great stone and faithful in Iş'rā-ĕl: thou seekest to which is in Gib'e-on. Am'a-sa went be- destroy a city and a mother in Is'ra-ël: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?

20 And Jô'āb answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should

swallow up or destroy. 21 The matter is not so: but a man of mount E'phra-im, She'ba the son of Bich'ri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Jō'āb, Behold, his head shall be thrown

to thee over the wall.

22 Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom; and they cut off the head of She'ba the son of Bich'ri, and cast it out to Jo'ab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Jo'ab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 T Now Jo'ab was over all the host of Is'rā-ēl: and Bē-nā'jah the son of Jēhoi'à-dà was over the Cher'e-thites and

over the Pel'e-thites:

24 And A-do'ram was over the tribute: and Jē-hosh'a-phat the son of A-hi'lud was recorder:

25 And Shē'và was scribe: and Zā'dŏk and A-bī'a-thar were the priests:

26 And I'ra also the Ja'ir-ite was a chief ruler about David.

CHAPTER 21

THEN there was a famine in the days I of David three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he

slew the Gib'e-on-ites. 2 And the king called the Gib'e-onites, and said unto them; (now the Gib'ē-on-ites were not of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, but of the remnant of the Am'ō-rītes; and the children of Iş'rā-ĕl had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the children of Iş'rā-ĕl and Judah:)

3 Wherefore David said unto the Gib'ē-on-ites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance

of the LORD?

4 And the Gib'e-on-ites said unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Iş'rā-ĕl. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do that the king commanded. And after for you.

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Îs'rā-ĕl.

6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gib'e-ah of Saul, whom the LORD did choose. And the

king said, I will give them.

7 But the king spared Me-phib'o-sheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Tonathan the son of Saul.

8 But the king took the two sons of Riz'päh the daughter of A-ī'ah, whom she bare unto Saul, Ar-mo'nī and Mēphib'o-sheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for A'dri-el the son of Bar-

zīl'lā-ī the Mē-hō'là-thīte:

9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gib'e-on-ites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 ¶ And Riz'päh the daughter of A-i'ah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by

11 And it was told David what Riz'päh the daughter of A-i'ah, the concubine of

Saul, had done.

12 I And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Ja'beshgil'ē-ăd, which had stolen them from the street of Beth'-shan', where the Phi-lis'tines had hanged them, when the Phi-lis'tines had slain Saul in Gĭl-bō'à:

13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of "

them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Ze'lah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that God was entreated for the land.

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15 M Moreover the Phi-lis'tines had me, the floods of ungodly men made me yet war again with Iş'rā-ĕl; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Phi-lis'tines:

and David waxed faint.

16 And Ish'bī-bē'nŏb, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David.

17 But A-bish'ā-ī the son of Zer'u-ī'ah succored him, and smote the Phi-lis' tine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Is'ra-el.

18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philis'tineş at Gob: then Sib'bē-chai the Hū'shath-ite slew Săph, which was of

the sons of the giant.

19 And there was again a battle in Gob with the Phi-lis'tines, where El-ha'nan the son of Jā'a-rē-or'ē-gim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Gö-li'ath the Git tite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the

giant.

21 And when he defied Îş'rā-ĕi, Jonathan the son of Shim'e-ah the brother

of David slew him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 22

AND David spake unto the LORD the words of this song, in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 And he said, The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved depart from them.

from mine enemies.

David's song of praise for his deliverance

afraid:

6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations of heaven moved and

shook, because he was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under

his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. 12 And he made darkness pavilions

round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before him

were coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the channels of the sea anpeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from above, he took me: he drew me out of many waters:

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. 20 He brought me forth also into a

large place: he delivered me, because

he delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed

from my God.

23 For all his judgments were before 4 I will call on the LORD, who is me: and as for his statutes, I did not

24 I was also upright before him, and 5 When the waves of death compassed have kept myself from mine iniquity.

25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness: according to my cleanness in his eyesight.

26 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt show thyself upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt show thy-self pure; and with the froward thou

wilt show thyself unsavory.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest bring them down.

29 For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

30 For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler

to all them that trust in him. 32 For who is God, save the LORD?

and who is a rock, save our God? 33 God is my strength and power; and

he maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

35 He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.

me; so that my feet did not slip.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.

41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy not to grow.
them that hate me.

6 ¶ But the sons of Bē'li-ăl shall be

42 They looked, but there was none to save: even unto the LORD, but he an-

swered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth: I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did spread them abroad.

the strivings of my people, thou hast nite that sat in the seat, chief among the

kept me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not shall serve me. 45 Strangers shall submit themselves

unto me: as soon as they hear, they

shall be obedient unto me.

46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places. 47 The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

48 It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me.

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

51 He is the tower of salvation for his king: and showeth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

CHAPTER 23

OW these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob. and the sweet psalmist of Is'ra-el, said.

2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.

3 The God of Is'ra-el said, the Rock of 37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under Iş'rā-ĕl spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

> 4 And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear

shining after rain,

5 Although my house be not so with God: vet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it

all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:

7 But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place.

8 These be the names of the mighty 44 Thou also hast delivered me from men whom David had: The Tach'mo-

captains; the same was Ad'i-no the Ez'nîte: he lifted up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

9 And after him was El'ē-ā'zar the son of Do'do the A-ho'hite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Phi-lis'tines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Iş'rā-ĕl were gone away:

10 He arose, and smote the Phi-list tines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword; and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

11 And after him was Sham'mah the son of A'gee the Ha'ra-rite. And the Phi-lis'tines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentils: and the people fled from the Phi-lis'tines.

12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Phi-lis'tines: and the LORD wrought a

great victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of A-dul'lam: and the troop of the Phi-lis'tines pitched in the valley of Reph'a-im.

14 And David was then in a hold, and the garrison of the Phi-lis'tines was then

in Beth-lehem.

15 And David longed, and said. Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the

16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Phi-lis'tines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.

17 And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these

three mighty men.

18 And A-bish'ā-ī, the brother of Jo'ab, the son of Zer'u-ī'ah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three.

19 Was he not most honorable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

20 And Bē-nā'jāh the son of Jē- number Iş'rā-ĕl and Judah.

hôi'à-dà, the son of a valiant man, of Kăb'zē-el, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Mô'ab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst

of a pit in time of snow.

21 And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

22 These things did Be-na'iah the son of Je-hoi'a-da, and had the name among

three mighty men.

23 He was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard. 24 As'à-hel the brother of Jô'ab was one of the thirty; El-ha'nan the son of

Dō'dō of Beth-lehem, 25 Shăm'mah the Hā'rŏd-īte, Ē-li'ka

the Hā'rŏd-īte.

26 Hē'lez the Păl'tīte, I'ra the son of Ĭk'kĕsh the Tē-kō'īte,

27 A'bĭ-ē'zēr the An'ē-thŏth'īte. Mē-

bun'nai the Hu'shath-ite,

28 Zăl'mon the A-ho'hite. Ma-hăr'ā-i the Nē-toph'à-thite,

29 Hē'lēb the son of Bā'a-nah, a Nētoph'a-thite, It'ta-i the son of Ri'bai out of Gib'e-ah of the children of Benjamin. 30 Bē-nā'iah the Pir'a-thon-ite, Hid-

dā-î of the brooks of Gā'āsh. 31 A'bi-al'bon the Ar'bath-ite, Az-ma-

věth the Bär-hū'mīte,

32 E-li'ah-ba the Sha'al-bo'nite, of the sons of Ja'shen, Jonathan,

33 Shăm'mah the Ha'ra-rīte, A-hī'ăm the son of Shā'rar the Hā'ra-rīte,

34 E-liph'ē-lēt the son of A-hās'bai, the son of the Mā-ach'a-thite. E-li'am the son of A-hith'o-phel the Gi'lo-nite. 35 Hĕz'rā-ī the Cär'mĕl-īte, Pā'à-raī the Ar'bite,

36 I'găi the son of Nathan of Zō'bah,

Bā'nī the Gadite.

37 Zē'lěk the Ammonite, Nā'hà-rī the Bē-ē'rŏth-īte, armor-bearer to Jō'āb the son of Zĕr'u-ī'ah,

38 Î'rà an Îth'rîte, Gā'rĕb an Îth'rîte, 39 U-rī'ah the Hīt'tīte; thirty and

seven in all.

CHAPTER 24

ND again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Iş rā-ĕl, and he moved David against them to say, Go, Go now through all the tribes of Is'ra-ël. from Dan even to Be'er-she'ba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.

3 And Jo'ab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, a hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord

the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Jo'ab, and against the captains of the host. And Jo'ab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Iş'rā-ĕl.

5 I And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in A-rō'er, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Ja'zer:

6 Then they came to Gil'e-ad, and to the land of Täh'tim-hod'shi; and they came to Dăn'-jā'ăn, and about to Zī'dŏn,

7 And came to the stronghold of Tyre. and to all the cities of the Hi'vites, and of the Ca'naan-ites: and they went out father's house. to the south of Judah, even to Be'ershē'bà.

the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

9 And Jo'ab gave up the sum of the of Gad, went up as the LORD comnumber of the people unto the king: and there were in Iş'rā-ĕl eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10 ¶ And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I

have done very foolishly.

11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith

the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do

it unto thee.

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of said unto the king, The LORD thy God famine come unto thee in thy land? or accept thee. wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a

2 For the king said to Jo'ab the cap- that there be three days' pestilence in tain of the host, which was with him, thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 ¶ So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Iş'rā-ĕl from the morning even to-the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Be'er-

shë'ba seventy thousand men.

16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of A-rau'nah the Těb'ū-sīte.

17 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand. I pray thee, be against me, and against my

18 I And Gad came that day to David. and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar 8 So when they had gone through all unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of À-rau'nah the Jeb'ū-site.
19 And David, according to the saying

manded.

20 And A-rau'nah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and A-rau'nah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And A-rau'nah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed

from the people.

22 And A-rau'nah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All these things did A-rau'nah, as a king, give unto the king. And A-rau'nah

24 And the king said unto A-rau'nah,

price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Is ra-el.

THE FIRST

BOOK OF THE KINGS

COMMONLY CALLED, THE THIRD BOOK OF THE KINGS

CHAPTER 1

NOW king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.

3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of İş'rā-ĕl, and found Ab'i-shag a Shu'nam-mīte, and

brought her to the king.

4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

5 ¶ Then Ād'ō-ni'jāh the son of Hāg' gith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Ab'sà-lôm.

7 And he conferred with Jō'āb the son of Zĕr'u-i'āh, and with Ā-bī'ā-thār the priest: and they following Ād'ō-nī'jāh

helped him.

8 But Zā'dōk the priest, and Bē-nā'jāh the son of Jē-hō's-da, and Nathan the prophet, and Shim'ē-ī, and Rē'ī, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Ād'ō-nī'jāh.

9 And Ad'o-ni'jah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zo'hē-lēth, which is by En-ro'gĕl, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Be-

nā'jāh, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

11 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Băth'-shē'bà the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Ad'o-ni'jáh the son of Häg'gith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?

12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy

son Solomon.

13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Ad'ōnn'iāh reign?

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after

thee, and confirm thy words.

15 ¶ And Bāth'-shē'bà went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Åb'i-shäg the Shu'nàm-mite ministered unto the king.

16 And Băth'-shē'ba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king

said, What wouldest thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the Lord thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

18 And now, behold, Ad'ō-nī'jāh reigneth; and now, my lord the king,

thou knowest it not:

19 And he hath slain oven and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath cailed all the sons of the king, and Å-bř'á-thár the priest, and Jō'āb the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord, O king, the

thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after

him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass. when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also

came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Ad'o-ni'jah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my

throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host. and A-bi'a-thar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say. God save king Ad'ō-ni'jah.

26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zā'dŏk the priest, and Bē-nā'iah the son of Je-hoi'a-da, and thy servant Solomon,

hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not showed it unto. thy servant, who should sit on the throne him, and the people piped with pipes, of my lord the king after him?

28 Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath'-she'ba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood

before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said. As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my

soul out of all distress.

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Băth'-shē'bà bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king

David live for ever.

32 T And king David said, Call me Zā'dŏk the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be-na'jah the son of Jehôi'à-dà. And they came before the king.

eves of all Is'ra-el are upon thee, that with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gi'hŏn:

> 34 And let Zā'dŏk the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Is'ra-el: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

> 35 Then we shall come up after him. that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Is'rā-ĕl and over Judah.

> 36 And Bē-nā'iàh the son of Tē-hôi'à-dà answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zā'dŏk the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be-na'iah the son of Je-hoi'a-da, and the Cher'e-thites, and the Pěl'ē-thites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule. and brought him to Gi'hon.

39 And Za'dok the priest took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet: and all the people said. God save king

Solomon.

40 And all the people came up after and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

41 ¶ And Ad'ō-ni'jah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when To'ab heard the sound of the trumpet. he said. Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of A-bi'a-thar the priest came: and Ad'ō-nī'jāh said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man,

and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Ad'ō-nī'jāh, Verily our lord king David

hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zā'dŏk the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Bē-nā'iah the son of Jē-hôi'a-da, and the Chĕr'ē-thītes, and the Pel'e-thites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

45 And Zā'dŏk the priest and Nathan 33 The king also said unto them. Take the prophet have anointed him king in

Gi'hon: and they are come up from way, to walk before me in truth with all thence rejoicing, so that the city rang their heart and with all their soul, there again. This is the noise that ye have shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the

heard. 46 And also Solomon sitteth on the

throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day,

mine eyes even seeing it.

49 And all the guests that were with Ad'ō-nī'jāh were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 M And Ad'o-ni'iah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Ad'ō-nī'jāh feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to-day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said. If he will show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall

die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

CHAPTER 2

NOW the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a

man:

3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, it was his from the LORD.

David's charge to Solomon. His death

throne of Is'ra-ël.

5 Moreover thou knowest also what Jo'ab the son of Zer'y-i'ah did to me. and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Is'ra-el, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Am'a-sa the son of Je'ther, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.

6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down

to the grave in peace.

7 But show kindness unto the sons of Bär-zil'lā-ī the Gil'ē-ăd-īte, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Ab'sa-lom thy brother.

8 And, behold, thou hast with thee Shim'ē-ī the son of Gë'ra, a Benjamite of Ba-hū'rīm, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mā'hà-nā'im: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword

9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him: but his hoar head bring thou down to the

grave with blood.

10 So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

· 11 And the days that David reigned over İş'rā-ĕl were forty years: seven years reigned he in He'bron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Terusalem.

12 Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his king-

dom was established greatly.

13 ¶ And Ad'o-ni'jah the son of Haggith came to Bath -she ba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said,

Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Is'ra-el set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for

saying. If thy children take heed to their 16 And now I ask one petition of thee.

deny me not. And she said unto him, though he turned not after Ab'sa-lom.

Say on. 17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Ab'i-shag the Shu'nam-mite to wife.

18 And Băth'-shē'ba said, Well; I will

speak for thee unto the king. 19 @ Băth'-she'bà therefore went unto

king Solomon, to speak unto him for Ad'o-ni'jah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother: and she sat on his right hand.

20 Then she said, I desire one small

petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother; for I will not say thee nay. 21 And she said, Let Ab'i-shag the Shu'nam-mite be given to Ad'o-ni'jah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou upon his own head, who fell upon two ask Ab'i-shag the Shu'nam-mite for Ad'ō-nī'jāh? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for A-bi'a-thar the priest, and for Jo'ab the son of Zer'u-i'ah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the

24 Now therefore, as the Lord liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and be peace for ever from the LORD. who hath made me a house, as he promised, Ad'ō-nī'jah shall be put to death this day.

25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Be-na'iah the son of Je-hoi'a-da; and

he fell upon him that he died.

26 C And unto A-bī'a-thar the priest said the king, Get thee to An'a-thoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord God before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out A-bī'a-thar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD which he spake concerning the house of

E'li in Shi'löh.

Jō'āb had turned after Åd'ō-nī'jāh,

And Jo'ab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns

of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Jō'āb was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Be-na'iah the son of Je-hoi'a-da, saying, Go, fall upon him.

30 And Be-na'iah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Bē-nā'iah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Jo'ab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Jo'ab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

32 And the LORD shall return his blood men more righteous and better than he. and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Isra-el, and Am'a-sa the son of Je'ther, captain of the host of Judah.

23 Then king Solomon some Lord, saying, God do so to me, and 33 Their blood snau mercal more also, if Ad'o-ni'jah have not upon the head of Jo'ab, and upon the more also, if Ad'o-ni'jah have not upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon the more also, if and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there

> 34 So Bē-nā'iah the son of Jē-hôi'a-da went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house

in the wilderness.

35 ¶ And the king put Bē-nā'jāh the son of Je-hoi'a-da in his room over the host: and Za'dok the priest did the king put in the room of A-bi'a-thar.

36 ¶ And the king sent and called for Shim'ë-i, and said unto him, Build thee a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kid'ron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shim'ë-i said unto the king. The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And 28 Then tidings came to Jö'āb: for Shim'ē-ī dwelt in Jerusalem many days. 39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shim'e-i ran away unto A'chish son of Mā'a-chah king of Gath. And they told Shim'ē-i, saying, Behold, thy servants be in Gath.

40 And Shim'ē-ī arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to A'chish to seek his servants: and Shim'e-i went, and brought his servants from Gath.

Shim'ē-ī had gone from Jerusalem to

Gath, and was come again.

42 And the king sent and called for Shīm'ē-ī, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have heard is good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

44 The king said moreover to Shim'ē-ī, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father; therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head:

45 And king Solomon shall be blessed. and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.

46 So the king commanded Bē-nā'jāh the son of Je-hoi'a-da; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

CHAPTER 3

AND Solomon made affinity with Phā'raōh king of Egypt, and took Phā'raōh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Terusalem round about.

2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until

those days.

3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in burnt offerings, and offered peace offer-

high places.

4 And the king went to Gib'e-on to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

Solomon asketh an understanding heart

5 In Gib'é-on the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kind-41 And it was told Solomon that ness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of the people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord. that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee. neither after thee shall any arise like

unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk.

then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up ings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 I Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and

stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my

His judgment between the two women

lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child

with her in the house.

18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. 10 And this woman's child died in the

night: because she overlaid it.

20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom. and laid her dead child in my bosom.

21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son.

which I did bear.

22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is

the living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword be-

fore the king.

child in two, and give half to the one.

and half to the other.

26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said. O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

28 And all Is'ra-el heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgment.

CHAPTER 4

2 And these were the princes which he had; Az'a-rī'ah the son of Zā'dŏk the priest.

Shī'sha, scribes; Jē-hosh'a-phat the son of A-hi'lud, the recorder.

4 And Bē-nā'jah the son of Jē-hôi'à-dà was over the host: and Za'dok and A-bi'a-thar were the priests:

5 And Az'a-rī'ah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Za'bud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and the king's friend:

6 And A-hī'shär was over the household: and Ad'o-ni'ram the son of Ahda

was over the tribute.

7 Cl And Solomon had twelve officers over all Is'rā-ĕl, which provided victuals for the king and his household; each man his month in a year made provision.

8 And these are their names: The son

of Hûr, in mount E'phrā-im; 9 The son of Dē'kār, in Mā'kāz, and in Shā-al'bim, and Běth'—shē'měsh, and E'lön—běth—hā'năn:

10 The son of He'sed, in A-ru'both; to him pertained So'choh, and all the land

of He'pher:

11 The son of A-bin'a-dab, in all the region of Dor; which had Ta'phath the

daughter of Solomon to wife:

12 Bā'ā-nā the son of A-hī'lūd; to him bertained Ta'a-nach and Me-gid'do. and all Beth'-she'an, which is by Zarta'nah beneath Jez're-el, from Beth'shē'ān to A'běl-mē-hō'lah, even unto 25 And the king said, Divide the living the place that is beyond Jok'ne-am:

13 The son of Ge'ber, in Ra'mothgil'ē-ād; to him pertained the towns of Jā'īr the son of Mā-nās'sēh, which are in Gil'ē-ad; to him also pertained the region of Ar'gob, which is in Ba'shan, threescore great cities with walls and brazen bars:

14 A-hin'a-dab the son of Id'do had

Mā'hà-nā'im:

15 A-him'ā-az was in Naph'ta-li; he also took Băs'măth the daughter of Solomon to wife:

16 Bā'à-nàh the son of Hū'shaī was in Ash'er and in A'loth:

17 Jē-hosh'a-phat the son of Pa-ru'ah, in Ís'sá-chär:

18 Shim'ē-i the son of E'lah, in Ben-

iamin:

19 Gē'bēr the son of U'rī was in the So king Solomon was king over all country of Gil'ē-ād, in the country of Si'hōn king of the Am'ō-rītes, and of Og king of Bā'shan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.

20 @ Judah and Ĭş'rā-ĕl were many, as 3 El'i-ho'reph and A-hi'ah, the sons of the sand which is by the sea in multi-

Solomon's wisdom. Hiram sendeth timber tude, eating and drinking, and making kings of the earth, which had heard of

his wisdom.

21 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Phi-lis'tines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 I And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour. and threescore measures of meal.

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep. besides harts, and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiph' sah even to Az'zah, over all the kings on this side the river; and he had peace on

all sides round about him.

25 And Tudah and Is'ra-ĕl dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Bē'ēr-shē'ba, all the days of Solomon.

26 T And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and

twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And those officers provided victuals for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every

man according to his charge.

29 T And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore.

30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of

Egypt.

31 For he was wiser than all men; than E'than the Ez'ra-hite, and He'man, and Chal'col, and Dar'da, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thou-

sand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all to his household, and twenty measures

CHAPTER 5

AND Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saving, 3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build a house unto the name of the LORD his God, for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I purpose to build a house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build a house unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon: and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Si-do-

7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great

people.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saving, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and

concerning timber of fir. 9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea; and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there. and thou shalt receive them: and thou

food for my household.

10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty

shalt accomplish my desire, in giving

34 And there came of all people to thousand measures of wheat for food

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of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram

year by year.

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

13 ¶ And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Iş'rā-ĕl; and the levy was thirty

thousand men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Ad'ō-ni'rām was over the

15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the

mountains;

16 Besides the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation

of the house.

18 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

CHAPTER 6

AND it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Iş'rā-ël were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Is'rā-ël, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height

thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.

4 And for the house he made windows

of narrow lights.

5 ¶ And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about.

6 The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad; for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it

was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams

and boards of cedar.

10 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came

to Solomon, saying,

12 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

13 And I will dwell among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and will not forsake my

people Îş'rā-ĕl.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the temple

before it, was forty cubits long.

18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar: there was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof; and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 ¶ And within the oracle he made two cherubim of olive tree, each ten

cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were of one measure

and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other

cherub.

27 And he set the cherubim within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubim, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall. and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. 28 And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he over-

laid with gold, within and without.

31 ¶ And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree; the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

32 The two doors also were of olive tree: and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and open the other. flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm trees.

33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part

of the wall.

34 And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were fold-

20 And the oracle in the forepart was ing, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

35 And he carved thereon cherubim and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

36 C And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of

cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in

the month Zif:

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

CHAPTER 7

BUT Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he fin-

ished all his house.

2 THe built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

3 And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that law on forty-five

pillars, fifteen in a row.

4 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.

5 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was

against light in three ranks.

6 4 And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them; and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.

7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to

8 C And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also a house for Phā'raōh's daughter. whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed The work of Hiram for the temble

stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and

cedars.

12 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

13 ¶ And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

14 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naph'ta-li, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding. and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

15 For he cast two pillars of brass. of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of

them about.

16 And he made two chapiters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapiter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter was five cubits:

17 And nets of checkerwork, and wreaths of chainwork, for the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapiter, and seven

for the other chapiter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapiters that were upon the top, with pomegranates; and so did he for the other chapiter.

19 And the chapiters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work

in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapiter.

right pillar, and called the name thereof Ta'chin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz.

lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

23 ¶ And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when

it was cast.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

26 And it was a handbreadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it

contained two thousand baths.

27 I And he made ten bases of brass: four cubits was the length of one base. and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

29 And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim: and upon the ledges there was a base above; and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of thin work.

30 And every base had four brazen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at

the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above was a cubit; but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and a half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

32 And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

33 And the work of the wheels was like 21 And he set up the pillars in the the work of a chariot wheel: their axle-porch of the temple: and he set up the trees, and their naves, and their felloes. and their spokes, were all molten.

34 And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the 22 And upon the top of the pillars was undersetters were of the very base itself. a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of

the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof. and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about.

37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one

measure, and one size.

38 C Then made he ten layers of brass: one layer contained forty baths: and every layer was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, over

against the south.

40 C And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of

the LORD:

41 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapiters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were upon the pillars;

43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases:

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea:

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass. 46 In the plain of Jordan did the king

cast them, in the clay ground between

Suc'coth and Zar'than.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of are unto this day. gold, whereupon the showbread was, 49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, the two tables of stone, which Moses put

35 And in the top of the base was there left, before the oracle, with the flowers. and the lamps, and the tongs of gold.

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold. both for the doors of the inner house. the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house

of the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Is'ra-el, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out

of the city of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Is'rā-ĕl assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Eth'a-nim, which is

the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Is'ra-el came.

and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Le'vites bring up.

5 And king Solomon, and all the con-gregation of Is'rā-ĕl, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for mul-

titude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place. into the oracle of the house, to the most holy blace, even under the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the

staves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in 48 And Solomon made all the vessels 'the holy blace before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they

9 There was nothing in the ark save

covenant with the children of Is'ra-el. when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10 And it came to pass, when the priests

were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD. 11 So that the priests could not stand

to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick

darkness.

13 I have surely built thee a house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide

in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about. and blessed all the congregation of Isrā-ĕl: and all the congregation of İş'rā-ĕl stood:

15 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Iş'rā-ĕl out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Is ra-el to build a house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Iş'rā-ĕl.

17 And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of

the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to huild a house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the

house unto my name.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Is'ra-el, as the LORD promised, and have built a house for the name of the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of

Egypt. 22 C And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Iş'rā-ĕl, and spread

forth his hands toward heaven: 23 And he said, LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest thou gavest unto their fathers.

covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as

it is this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl. keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Is'ra-el: so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Is'rā-ĕl, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee: how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to-day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said. My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Iş'rā-ĕl, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 If any man trespass against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 ¶ When thy people Iş'rā-ĕl be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto

thee in this house:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Iş'rā-ĕl, and bring them again unto the land which there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest or near: them:

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Is'ra-el, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities: whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be:

38 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Is'rā-ĕl, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth

his hands toward this house:

30 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways. whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

40 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou

gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Iş'rā-ĕl, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake:

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house:

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Is'ra-el; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy

44 If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name:

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and main-

tain their cause.

35 When heaven is shut up, and no man that sinneth not.) and thou he angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far

47 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness:

48 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy

name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause.

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

51 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the fur-

nace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be onen unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Iş'rā-ĕl, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt.

O Lord Gop.

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD. he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Is'ra-el with a loud

voice, saying,

56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Is'ra-ĕl, according to all that he promised: there hath not 46 If they sin against thee, (for there is failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses and all Solomon's desire which he was his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave

us, nor forsake us:

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes. and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

50 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Is'ra-el at all times, as the matter shall require:

60 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that

there is none else.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his command-

ments, as at this day.

62 M And the king, and all Is'ra-ĕl with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. 63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Isrā-el dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brazen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

feast, and all Is'rā-ĕl with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other Hā'māth unto the river of Egypt, before gods, and have worshipped them, and the LORD our God, seven days and seven

days, even fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of the two houses, the house of the LORD, heart for all the goodness that the LORD, and the king's house, had done for David his servant, and for Is'rā-ĕl his people.

CHAPTER 9

A had finished the building of the Galilee. house of the LORD, and the king's house,

pleased to do.

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared

unto him at Gib'e-on.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication. that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee. and wilt keep my statutes and my judg-

ments:

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Ís'rā-ĕl for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Is'ra-ĕl.

6 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Is'ra-el out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Îş'rā-ĕl shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

8 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto

this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they 65 And at that time Solomon held a forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

10 I And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built

11 (Now Hiram the king of Twre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave AND it came to pass, when Solomon Hiram twenty cities in the land of

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to

see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

13 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Ga'bul unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore

talents of gold.

15 And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised: for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Mil'lo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Ha'zor, and Me-gid'do, and Ge'zēr.

16 For Pha'raöh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Ge'zer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Ca'naan-ites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 And Solomon built Ge'zer, and Beth'-ho'ron the nether.

18 And Bā'al-ath, and Tăd'mor in the

wilderness, in the land,

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Am'ō-rītes, Hît'tītes, Pĕr'īz-zītes, Hī'vītes, and Jĕb'ū-sītes, which were

not of the children of Is'ra-el.

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Îş'rā-ĕl also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

22 But of the children of Is'ra-el did Solomon make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

which Solomon had built for her: then he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

did he build Mil'lo.

25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built there came no more such abundance of unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

The queen of Sheba cometh to Solomon

of ships in E'zi-on-ge'ber, which is beside E'loth, on the shore of the Red

sea, in the land of E'dom.

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon, 28 And they came to O'phir, and

fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to

king Solomon.

CHAPTER 10

ND when the queen of She'ba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from

the king, which he told her not.

4 And when the queen of She'ba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the

house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD: there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king. It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth

the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are these 23 These were the chief of the officers thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which people that wrought in the work. delighted in thee, to set thee on the 24 ¶ But Phā'raōh's daughter came up throne of Iş'rā-ēl: because the LORD out of the city of David unto her house loved Is'ra-el for ever, therefore made

10 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: spices as these which the queen of She'ba gave to king Solomon.

11 And the navy also of Hiram, that 26 And king Solomon made a navy brought gold from O'phir, brought in from O'phir great plenty of almug trees.

and precious stones.

trees pillars for the house of the LORD. and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of She ba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own coun-

try, she and her servants.

14 (I Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold.

15 Besides that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia. and of the governors of the country.

16 C And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

17 And he made three hundred shields them out by their means. of beaten gold; three pounds of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of

18 @ Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the

best gold.

19 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

20 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in

any kingdom.

21 I And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

22 For the king had at sea a navy of Thar'shish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory,

and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

24 I And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of 12 And the king made of the almug gold, and garments, and armor. and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year

by year.

26 T And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Terusalem.

27 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are

in the vale, for abundance.

28 II And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen varn at a

price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hit'tites. and for the kings of Syria, did they bring

CHAPTER 11

OUT king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pha'raoh, women of the Mō'ab-ites. Ammonites. E'dom-ites.

Zī-dō'nĭ-ăns, and Hĭt'tītes:

2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Is'ra-ĕl Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

3 And he had seven hundred wives. princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his

heart.

4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after Ash'tō-rĕth the goddess of the Zi-do'ni-ans, and after Mil'com the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build a high place for Che'mosh, the abomination of Mo'ab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Mo'lech, the abomination of the chil- that David slept with his fathers, and dren of Ammon.

wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, which had appeared unto him twice.

10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which

the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solo- king of Zō'bah: mon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee. and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee. I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12 Notwithstanding, in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy

13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

14 4 And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hā'dad the E'dom-ite: he was of the king's seed in

E'dom.

15 For it came to pass, when David was in E'dom, and Jo'ab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in E'dom;

16 (For six months did To'ab remain there with all Is'ra-el, until he had cut

off every male in E'dom:)

17 That Hā'dād fled, he and certain E'dom-ites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt: Hā'dǎd being yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Mid'i-an, and came to Pa'ran: and they took men with them out of Pa'ran, and they came to Egypt, unto Phā'raöh king of Egypt; which gave him a house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Ha'dad found great favor in the sight of Phā'raōh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister

of Täh'pē-nēş the queen.

20 And the sister of Täh'pē-nēš bare him Gë-nu'băth his son, whom Täh'pënes weaned in Pha'raoh's house: and Gē-nū'bāth was in Phā'raōh's household among the sons of Pha'raöh.

that Jo'ab the captain of the host was 8 And likewise did he for all his strange dead, Ha'dad said to Pha'raoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

22 Then Pha'raoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered. Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

23 C And God stirred him up another adversary, Re'zon the son of E-li'a-dah. which fled from his lord Had'ad-e'zer

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein. and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Is'rā-ĕl all the days of Solomon, besides the mischief that Ha'dad did: and he abhorred

Īş'rā-ĕl, and reigned over Syria.

26 4 And Jer'o-bo'am the son of Ne băt, an Eph'răth-îte of Zer'e-da, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zē-ru'ah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.

27 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Mil'lo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

28 And the man Jer'o-bo'am was a mighty man of valor: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the

charge of the house of Joseph. 29 And it came to pass at that time when Jer'o-bo'am went out of Jerusa-lem, that the prophet A-hi'jah the Shi'lo-nite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

30 And A-hi'jah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in

twelve pieces:

31 And he said to Ter'o-bo'am. Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

32 (But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl:)

33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ash'to-reth the 21 And when Hā'dād heard in Egypt goddess of the Zī-dō'nĭ-ānṣ, Chē'mŏsh the god of the Mō'ab-ites, and Mil'com the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did

David his father.

34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose. because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

his son's hand, and will give it unto thee.

even ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem. the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over

Īs'rā-ĕl.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Iş'rā-ĕI unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of

David, but not for ever.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jěr'ō-bō'ăm. And Jěr'ō-bō'ăm arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shi'shak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 C And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of

the acts of Solomon?

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Iş'rā-ĕl was forty

vears.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers. and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rē'hō-bō'ăm his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 12

ND Rē'hō-bō'ăm went to Shē'chĕm: for all Is'rā-ĕl were come to Shē' roughly, and forsook the old men's counchem to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when Jer'o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled made your yoke heavy, and I will add to

from the presence of king Solomon, and Jěr'ō-bō'am dwelt in Egypt,)

3 That they sent and called him. And Jěr'ō-bō'ăm and all the congregation of Iş'rā-ĕl came, and spake unto Rē-

hō-bō'ăm, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them. Depart yet 35 But I will take the kingdom out of for three days, then come again to me.

And the people departed.

6 C And king Rê'hō-bō'ăm consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood be-

fore him:

9 And he said unto them. What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the voke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us: thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scor-

pions.

12 ¶ So Jěr'ō-bō'ăm and all the people came to Rë'hō-bō'ăm the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people

sel that they gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with

scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by A-hijàh the Shī'lō-nīte unto Jēr'ō-bō'ām the then shall the heart of this people turn son of Ne'bat.

16 G So when all Is'ra-el saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Tesse: to your tents, O Is'ra-el: now see to thine own house, David. So Iş'rā-ĕl departed unto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Iş'rā-ĕl which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rê'hō-bō'ăm reigned over them.

18 Then king Re'hō-bō'am-sent A-dô' ram, who was over the tribute; and all Îs'ra-el stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Re'ho-bo'am made flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Iş'rā-ĕl rebelled against the

house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Isrā-ĕl heard that Jĕr'ō-bō'am was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Is'rā-ĕl: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21 And when Re'hō-bō'am was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjachosen men, which were warriors, to and ordained a feast unto the children or fight against the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, to Iş'rā-ĕl; and he offered upon the altar, bring the kingdom again to Re'hō-bō'am and burnt incense. the son of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came unto Shë-ma'jah the man of God, saying,

23 Speak unto Re'hō-bō'am, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jer'o-bo'am house of Judah and Benjamin, and to stood by the altar to burn incense. the remnant of the people, saying,

go up, nor fight against your brethren altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a the children of Is ra-el: return every child shall be born unto the house of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl: return every man to his house; for this thing is from David, Jō-sī'ah by name; and upon thee me. They hearkened therefore to the shall he offer the priests of the high word of the LORD, and returned to de- places that burn incense upon thee, and part, according to the word of the LORD. men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. 25 ¶ Then Jěr'ō-bō'ám built Shē'chěm 3 And he gave a sign the same day,

Israel rebelleth. Jeroboam's idolatru

and went out from thence, and built Pē-nū'ĕl.

26 And Jer'ō-bō'am said in his heart. Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, again unto their lord, even unto Re'hobo'am king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Re ho-bo'am king of

Tudah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Îş'rā-ĕl, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and

the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one. even unto Dan.

31 And he made a house of high places, speed to get him up to his chariot, to and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of

Levi.

32 And Těr'ō-bō'ăm ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which of the eighth month, even in the month min, a hundred and fourscore thousand which he had devised of his own heart;

CHAPTER 13

AND, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of

2 And he cried against the altar in the 24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not word of the LORD, and said, O altar,

in mount E'phra-im, and dwelt therein; saying, This is the sign which the LORD

hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I

be poured out.

4 And it came to pass, when king Jer'o-God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given

by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again,

and became as it was before.

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. 8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same

way that thou camest.

turned not by the way that he came to back.

Beth-el.

11 @ Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el; the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went,

which came from Tudah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the

ass: and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and that carnest from Judah? And he said, LORD, which he spake unto him.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home

with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with

rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For it was said to me by the word ho'am heard the saying of the man of of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saving, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. 20 I And it came to pass, as they sat

at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saving. Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the sepulchre

of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, 10 So he went another way, and re- for the prophet whom he had brought

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the 12 And their father said unto them, lion standing by the carcass: and they came and told it in the city where the

old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him found him sitting under an oak: and he unto the lion, which hath torn him, and said unto him, Art thou the man of God slain him, according to the word of the

> 27 And he spake to his sons, saying Saddle me the ass. And they saddled

> 28 And he went and found his carcass

cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, sau-

ing, Alas, my brother!

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons. saving, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the Sa-ma'ri-a, shall surely come to pass.

33 C After this thing Jer'o-bo'am returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jer'o-bo'am, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the

earth.

CHAPTER 14

AT that time A-bī'jāh the son of Jēr'ō-bō'ām fell sick.

2 And Ter'o-bo'am said to his wife. Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself. that thou be not known to be the wife of Jěr'ō-bō'ăm; and get thee to Shī'lōh: behold, there is A-hi'jah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people.

3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall be-

come of the child.

4 And Jer'o-bo'am's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shi'loh, and came to the house of A-hī'jāh. But A-hī'jāh could not see; for his eyes were set by

reason of his age.

5 ¶ And the LORD said unto A-hi'jah, Behold, the wife of Ter'o-bo'am cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son: for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be cause of the sins of Jer'o-bo'am, who another woman.

6 And it was so, when A-hi'iah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jer'o-bo'am; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.

7 Go, tell Jer ō-bō'ām, Thus saith the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people. and made thee prince over my people

Īs'rā-ĕl.

8 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments. and who followed me with all his heart. to do that only which was right in mine

9 But hast done evil above all that were high places which are in the cities of before thee; for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and

hast cast me behind thy back:

10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jer'ō-bō'ām, and will cut off from Ter'o-bo'am him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Iş'rā-ĕl, and will take away the remnant of the house of Ter'obō'am, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jer'o-bo'am in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it.

12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13 And all Is'ra-el shall mourn for him. and bury him: for he only of Jer'o-bo'am shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Is'ra-el in the house of Jěr'ō-bō'ăm.

14 Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Îş'rā-ĕl, who shall cut off the house of Ter'o-bo'am that day: but

what? even now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Is'ra-ël, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Is'ra-el out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river. because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And he shall give Îş'rā-ĕl up bedid sin, and who made Is'rā-ĕl to sin.

17 ¶ And Jěr'ō-bō'ām's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tir'zah: and when she came to the threshold of the

door, the child died;

18 And they buried him; and all Is'rā-ĕl mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant A-hī'jāh the prophet.

19 And the rest of the acts of Jer'obo'am, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the And A-bi'jam his son reigned in his book of the Chronicles of the kings of stead.

Ĭş'rā-ĕl.

20 And the days which Jer'o-bo'am reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Na'dab

his son reigned in his stead.

21 (And Re'hō-bō'ăm the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rē'hō-bō'ăm was forty and one years old when he hegan to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Is'ra-ĕl, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Na'a-mah an Am'mon-it'ess.

22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers

had done.

23 For they also built them high places. and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Is'ra-ël.

25 C And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Re'hō-bō'am, that Shī'shak king of Egypt came up against Jeru-

salem:

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 And king Rē'hō-bō'ăm made in their stead brazen shields, and comof the guard, which kept the door of the

king's house.

28 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back father. into the guard chamber.

29 M Now the rest of the acts of Rehō-bō'am, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehö-bö'am and Jer'ö-bö'am all their

days. 31 And Rē'hō-bō'ăm slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Nā'a-mah an Am'mon-īt'ess.

CHAPTER 15

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jer o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat reigned A-bī'jām over Judah.

2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Mā'a-chah,

the daughter of A-bish'a-lom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him,

and to establish Jerusalem:

5 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of U-ri'ah the Hit-

6 And there was war between Rē'hōbo'am and Jer'o-bo'am all the days of

his life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of A-bī'iām. and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between A-bī'jām and Jer'ō-bō'ām.

8 And A-bi'iăm slept with his fathers: and they buried him in the city of David: and A'sa his son reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jer'obō'am king of Is'rā-ēl reigned A'sa

over Judah.

10 And forty and one years reigned he mitted them unto the hands of the chief in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Mā'a-chāh, the daughter of A-bish'

11 And A'sa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did Davidhis

12 And he took away the sodomites out

of the land, and removed all the idols time of his old age he was diseased in that his fathers had made.

13 And also Mā'a-chah his mother. even her he removed from being queen. because she had made an idol in a grove; and A'sa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kid'ron.

14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless A'sa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and

16 C And there was war between A'sa and Ba'a-sha king of Iş'ra-ĕl all their

days.

17 And Ba'a-sha king of Is'ra-ël went up against Tudah, and built Ra'mah, that he might not suffer any to go out or

come in to A'sa king of Judah.

18 Then A'sa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king A'sa sent them to Ben'-ha'dad, the son of Tăb'ri-mon, the son of Hē'zi-on, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying.

19 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Ba'a-sha king of Is'rā-ĕl, that he may depart from me.

20 So Ben'-ha'dad hearkened unto king A'sa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Is'rā-ĕl, and smote I'jon, and Dan, and A'bel-beth-ma'a-chah, and all nē-roth, with all the land of Naph'ta-li.

21 And it came to pass, when Ba'a-sha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ra'mah, and dwelt in Tir'zah.

22 Then king A'sa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was LORD, and walked in exempted: and they took away the bo'am, and in his stones of Rā'mah, and the timber theremade Igra-el to sin. of, wherewith Ba'a-sha had builded; and king A'sa built with them Ge'ba of Benjamin, and Miz'päh.

23 The rest of all the acts of A'sa, and all his might, and all that he did, and Ba'a-sha, saying, the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the dust, and made thee prince over my

The reign of Asa. Baasha slaveth Nadah

his feet.

24 And A'sa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Te-hosh'à-nhật his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Na'dab the son of Jer'obo'am began to reign over Is'ra-el in the second year of A'sa king of Tudah, and reigned over Is'rā-ĕl two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he

made Is'rā-ĕl to sin.

27 C And Ba'a-sha the son of A-hi'jah. of the house of Is'sa-char, conspired against him; and Ba'a-sha smote him at Gib'be-thon, which belonged to the Phi-lis'tines; for Na'dab and all Is'ra-el laid siege to Gib'be-thon.

28 Even in the third year of A'sa king of Tudah did Ba'a-sha slav him, and

reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Ter o-bo'am: he left not to Jer'o-bo'am any that breathed, until he had de-stroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant A-hi'iah the Shi'lo-nite:

30 Because of the sins of Jer'o-bo'am which he sinned, and which he made Îş'rā-ĕl sin, by his provocation where-with he provoked the LORD God of

Is'rā-ĕl to anger.

31 @ Now the rest of the acts of Na dab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'ra-ël?

32 And there was war between A'sa and Bā'a-sha king of Is'rā-ĕl all their

days.

33 In the third year of A'sa king of Judah began Bā'a-sha the son of A-hijáh to reign over all Iş'rā-ĕl in Tīr'zāh. twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jer'obō'ām, and in his sin wherewith he

CHAPTER 16

HEN the word of the LORD came to Jē'hū the son of Hà-nā'nī against

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the people Iş'rā-ĕl; and thou hast walked in the way of Jer'o-bo'am, and hast made my people Iş'rā-ĕl to sin, to proyoke me to anger with their sins:

3 Behold, I will take away the posterity of Bā'à-shà, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jer'o-bo'am the son of

Nē'băt.

4 Him that dieth of Ba'a-sha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls

of the air eat.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Ba'a-sha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl?

6 So Bā'a-sha slept with his fathers. and was buried in Tir'zah: and E'lah his

son reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Je hi the son of Ha-na'ni came the word of the LORD against Ba'a-sha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in proveking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jer'o-bo'am; and because he killed him.

8 II In the twenty and sixth year of A'sa king of Judah began E'lah the son of Bā'ā-shā to reign over İş'rā-ĕl in

Tir'zàh, two years.

9 And his servant Zim'rī, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him. as he was in Tîr'zah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Ar'za steward of his house in Tir'zah.

10 And Zim'ri went in and smote him. and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of A'sa king of Judah, and

reigned in his stead.

11 4 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Bā'a-sha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolk, nor of his friends.

12 Thus did Zim'ri destroy all the house of Bā'à-shà, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Bā'a-sha

by Te'hū the prophet,

13 For all the sins of Ba'a-sha, and the sins of E'lah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Is'ra-el to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the acts of E'lah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl?

15 ¶ In the twenty and seventh year of A'sa king of Judah did Zim'rī reign seven days in Tir'zah. And the people were encamped against Gib'be-thon, which belonged to the Phi-lis'tines.

16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zim'ri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Îş'rā-ĕl made Om'rī, the captain of the host, king over Îş'rā-ĕl that day in the camp.

17 And Om'rī went up from Gib'bēthon, and all Is'ra-el with him, and they

besieged Tîr'zah.

18 And it came to pass, when Zim'rī saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house. and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died,

19 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jer'o-bo'am, and in his sin which he did, to make Is'rā-ĕl

to sin.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zim'ri. and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl?

21 ¶ Then were the people of Iş'rā-ĕl divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tib'ni the son of Gi'nath. to make him king; and half followed

Om'ri.

22 But the people that followed Om'ri prevailed against the people that followed Tib'ni the son of Gi'nath: so Tib'ni died, and Om'ri reigned.

23 In the thirty and first year of A'sa king of Judah began Om'rī to reign over Is'rā-ĕl, twelve years: six years

reigned he in Tir zah.

24 And he bought the hill Sa-ma'rī-a of She'mer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of She'mer, owner of the hill. Samā'rī-a.

25 @ But Om'ri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all

that were before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jer o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, and in his sin wherewith he made Is ra-el to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Is'ra-ĕl to anger with their vanities. 27 Now the rest of the acts of Om'ri book of the Chronicles of the kings of brook. Īs'rā-ĕl?

was buried in Sa-ma'rī-a: and Ahab his

son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of A'sa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Om'ri to reign over Is'ra-el; and Ahab the son of Om'rī reigned over Ĭs'rā-ĕl in Sa-mā'rī-a twenty and two vears.

30 And Ahab the son of Om'rī did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that

were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jer'o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, that he took to wife Tez'e-bel the daughter of Eth'ba'al king of the Zi-do'ni-ans, and went and served Bā'āl, and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Ba'al in the house of Ba'al, which he had built

in Sà-mā'rĭ-à.

33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl to anger than all the kings of

Īs'rā-ĕl that were before him.

34 ¶ In his days did Hi'ĕl the Bĕth'ěl-ite build Jěr'i-cho: he laid the foundation thereof in A-bi'ram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Se'gub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 17

ND E-li'jah the Tish'bite, who was A of the inhabitants of Gil'e-ad, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Is'ra-ĕl liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto spake by E-li'iah.

him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Chē'rīth, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded

the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and sin to remembrance, and to slay my dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is be- son? fore Jordan.

which he did, and his might that he and flesh in the morning, and bread and showed. are they not written in the flesh in the evening; and he drank of the

7 And it came to pass after a while. 28 So Om'ri slept with his fathers, and that the brook dried up, because there

had been no rain in the land. 8 4 And the word of the LORD came

unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zar'e-phath, which belongeth to Zi'don, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow

woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zăr'ē-pháth. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks; and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it. he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And E-li'iah said unto her, Fear not: go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and

for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail. until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of E-li'jah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not. neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he

17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no

breath left in him.

18 And she said unto E-li'jah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy 6 And the ravens brought him bread son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom

I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into lord, Behold, E-li'jah is here. him again.

E-li'jah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And E-li'jah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and E-li jah said, See, thy son liveth.

24 ¶ And the woman said to E-li'jah. Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD

in thy mouth is truth.

CHAPTER 18

AND it came to pass after many days. that the word of the LORD came to E-li'jah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And E-li'jah went to show himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine

in Sá-mā'rĭ-à.

3 And Ahab called O'ba-di'ah, which was the governor of his house. (Now O'ba-dī'ah feared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was so, when Jez'e-bel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that O'badī'ah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them

with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said unto Ō'bà-dī'ah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and O'ba-di'ah went

another way by himself.

7 ¶ And as O'bà-dī'āh was in the way, behold, E-li'jah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord E-li'iah?

thy lord, Behold, E-li'jah is here. LORD; but Ba'al's pro 9 And he said, What have I sinned, hundred and fifty men.

that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy

12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as 22 And the LORD heard the voice of I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jez'e-bel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, E-li'jah is here: and he

shall slay me.

15 And E-li'jah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand. I will surely show myself unto him to-day.

16 So O'bà-dì'àh went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet

E-li'jah.

17 I And it came to pass, when Ahab saw E-li'jah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Is'ra-ĕi?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Iş'rā-ĕl; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast

followed Bā'a-līm.

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Is'rā-ël unto mount Cär'měl, and the prophets of Ba'al four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Tez'e-bel's table.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, and gathered the prophets

together unto mount Car'mel.

21 And E-li'jah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Bā'āl, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said E-li'jah unto the people. 8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Bā'āl's prophets are four locks; and let them choose one bullock said, Do it the third time. And they did for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

24 And call ve on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And E-li'jah said unto the prophets of Bā'āl, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your

gods, but put no fire under.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Ba'al from morning even until noon, saying, O Bā'āl, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

E-li'jah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and

must be awaked.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And E-li'jah said unto all the people. Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was

broken down.

31 And E-li'jah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would

contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour if on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. Jez're-el.

23 Let them therefore give us two bul- And they did it the second time. And he it the third time.

> 35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with

water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. that E-h'jah the prophet came near. and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Iş'rā-ĕl, let it be known this day that thou art God in Is'ra-el, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned

their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they 27 And it came to pass at noon, that fell on their faces: and they said. The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is

the God.

40 And E-li'jah said unto them. Take the prophets of Ba'al: let not one of them escape. And they took them: and E-lijah brought them down to the brook Ki'shon, and slew them there.

41 ¶ Ánd Ē-li'jāh said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a

sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And E-li'jah went up to the top of Car'mel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant. Go up now. look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's of the LORD came, saying, Iş'rā-ĕl shall hand. And he said, Go up, say unto be thy name:

Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to

Tez're-el

46 And the hand of the LORD was on E-lī'jāh; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of

CHAPTER 19

AND Ahab told Jez'e-bel all that E-lihad slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jez'e-bel sent a messenger unto E-li'jah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Be'ershe'ba, which belongeth to Judah, and

left his servant there.

4 (But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die: and said, It is enough; now, O LORD. take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise

and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the

journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Hô'rěb

the mount of God.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave. and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here.

E-li'jah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Îş'rā-ĕl have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars. and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I only, am left; and they seek

my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake: but the LORD was not in the earthquake: there were thirty and two kings with 12 And after the earthquake a fire; him, and horses, and chariots: and he

but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when E-li'jah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, E-li'jah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Is'ra-el have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go. return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hăz'ā-ĕl to be king over Syria:

16 And Je'hū the son of Nim'shī shalt thou anoint to be king over Iş'rā-ĕl: and E-li'sha the son of Sha'phat of A'belmē-hō'lah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Haz'a-el shall Je'hu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Je'hū shall E-li'sha slay.

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Iş'rā-ĕl, all the knees which have not bowed unto Ba'al, and every mouth

which hath not kissed him.

19 C So he departed thence, and found E-li'sha the son of Sha'phat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and E-li'jah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after E-li'jah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to

thee?

21 And he returned back from him. and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them. and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after E-li'jah, and ministered unto him.

CHAPTER 20

ND Běn'-hā'dăd the king of Syria A gathered all his host together: and went up and besieged Sá-mari-a, and seen all this great multitude? behold, I warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Iş'rā-ĕl into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben'-ha'dad.

3 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the

goodliest, are mine.

4 And the king of Is'rā-ĕl answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben'-ha'dad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and

thy children:

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that ha'dad sent out, and they told him. whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take

it away.

7 Then the king of Is'rā-ĕl called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.

8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him. Hearken not unto him.

nor consent.

9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben'-ha'dad, Tell my lord the king. All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again. 10 And Běn'-ha'dad sent unto him,

and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Sa-ma'rī-a shall suffice for handfuls for all the people

that follow me.

11 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as

he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to pass, when Benhadad heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, Set yourselves in array. And they set themselves in array against the city.

13 ¶ And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Is'rā-ĕl, sav-

will deliver it into thine hand this day:

and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. 14 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said. Thus saith the LORD, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

15 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two; and after them he numbered all the people. even all the children of Iş'rā-el, being seven thousand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Běn'-hā'dăd was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben'saying, There are men come out of Sá-mã'rĭ-à.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take

them alive.

19 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city. and the army which followed them.

20 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Is'ra-el pursued them: and Ben'-ha'dad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the

horsemen.

21 And the king of Is'ra-el went out. and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 And the prophet came to the king of Iş'rā-ĕl, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and

put captains in their rooms:

25 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we ing, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou shall be stronger than they. And he

hearkened unto their voice, and did so. this covenant. So he made a covenant 26 And it came to pass at the return of with him, and sent him away. the year, that Ben'-ha'dad numbered

fight against Iş'rā-ĕl.

27 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Is'rā-ĕl pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Iş'rā-ĕl, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

the other seven days. And so it was. that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Iş'rā-ĕl slew of the Syrians a hundred thousand foot-

men in one day.

30 But the rest fled to A'phek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Ben'-ha'dad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

31 @ And his servants said unto him. Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Iş'rā-ĕl are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Isrā-ĕl: peradventure he will save thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Iş'rā-ĕl, and said, Thy servant Ben'-ha'dad saith, I pray

alive? he is my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said. Thy brother Ben'-ha'dad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben'ha'dad came forth to him; and he caused by the palace of Ahab king of Sa-ma'ri-a. him to come up into the chariot.

thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt is near unto my house: and I will give make streets for thee in Damascus, as thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, my father made in Sa-ma'ri-a. Then if it seem good to thee, I will give thee said Ahab, I will send thee away with the worth of it in money.

35 ¶ And a certain man of the sons the Syrians, and went up to A'phek, to of the prophets said unto his neighbor in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he

wounded him.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised 29 And they pitched one over against himself with ashes upon his face.

39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing. then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Is'rā-ĕl said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.

41 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Is'ra-ĕl discerned him that he was of the

prophets.

42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

43 And the king of Is'ra-el went to his thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet house heavy and displeased, and came to Sa-mā'rī-a.

CHAPTER 21

ND it came to pass after these things. A that Nā'both the Jez'rē-el-īte had a vineyard, which was in Jez'rē-el, hard

2 And Ahab spake unto Na'both, sav-34 And Ben-hadad said unto him, ing, Give me thy vineyard, that I may The cities, which my father took from have it for a garden of herbs, because it

3 And Na'both said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Na'both the Jez're-el-ite had spoken to him: for he had said. I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no

5 C But Tez'e-bel his wife came to him. and said unto him. Why is thy spirit so

sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Na'both the Jez're-el-ite, and said unto him. Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered. I will not give thee my vinevard.

7 And Jez'e-bel his wife said unto him. Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Is'ra-el? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Na'both the Jez're-

ěl-īte.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Na'both.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Na'both on high

among the people:

10 And set two men, sons of Be'li-al, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and

stone him, that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jěz'ē-běl had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Na'both on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Be'li-al, and sat before him: and the men of Be'li-al witnessed against him, even against Na'both, in the presence of the people, saying, Na'both did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and out before the children of Iş'rā-ĕl. stoned him with stones, that he died.

Na'both is stoned, and is dead.

15 Of And it came to pass, when Tez'ebel heard that Na'both was stoned, and was dead, that Tez'e-bel said to Ahah Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Na'both the Jez're-el-ite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Natboth is not alive, but dead,

16 And it came to pass, when Ahah heard that Na'both was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Na'both the Jez're-el-ite, to take pos-

session of it.

17 I And the word of the LORD came to E-li'jah the Tish'bite, saving

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Iş'rā-ĕl, which is in Sa-mā'rī-à: behold, he is in the vineyard of Na'both. whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him. saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Na'both shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ahab said to E-li'jah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the

sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee. and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Îs'rā-ĕl,

22 And will make thine house like the house of Jer'o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, and like the house of Ba'a-sha the son of A-hī'jāh, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Iş'rā-el to sin.

23 And of Jez'e-bel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jez'e-

bel by the wall of Jez're-el.

24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 @ But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jez'e-bel his wife stirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Am'o-rites, whom the LORD cast

toned him with stones, that he died. 27 And it came to pass, when Ahab 14 Then they sent to Jěz'e-běl, saying, heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his The prophecy of Micaiah against Ahab flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth,

and went softly. 28 And the word of the LORD came to

E-li'jah the Tish'bite, saying.

29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humhleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

CHAPTER 22

AND they continued three years with-A out war between Syria and Is'ra-el. 2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Je-hosh'a-phat the king of Judah came down to the king of Is'ra-el.

3 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl said unto his servants, Know ye that Ra'moth in Gil'ē-ad is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king

of Syria?

4 And he said unto Je-hosh'a-phat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gil'e-ad? And Je-hosh'a-phat said to the king of Is'ra-el, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jē-hosh'a-phat said unto the king of Is'rā-ĕl, Inquire, I pray thee, at

the word of the LORD to-day.

6 Then the king of Iş'rā-ĕl gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Rā'moth-gil'ē-ad to battle. or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

7 And Te-hosh'a-phat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides.

that we might inquire of him?

8 And the king of Is'rā-ĕl said unto Jē-hŏsh'à-phăt, There is yet one man, Mī-cā'iah the son of Im'lah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him: for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Je-hosh'a-phat said, Let not the king say so.
9 Then the king of Iş'rā-ĕl called an

officer, and said, Hasten hither Mi-

ca'iah the son of Im'lah.

10 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl and Jēhosh'a-phat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Sa-ma'rī-a; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

nā'a-nāh made him horns of iron: and he said. Thus saith the LORD. With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

12 And all the prophets prophesied so. saving, Go up to Ra'moth-gil'e-ad, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it

into the king's hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Mi-ca'iah spake unto him, saving, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

14 And Mī-cā'iāh said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me.

that will I speak.

15 ¶ So he came to the king. And the king said unto him. Mī-cā'iah, shall we go against Rā'moth-gil'ē-ad to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in

the name of the LORD?

17 And he said, I saw all Ĭş'rā-ĕl scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

18 And the king of Is'ra-el said unto Te-hosh'à-phat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning

me, but evil?

19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ra'moth-gil'e-ad? And one said on this manner, and another said on that

manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will

persuade him.

22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also; go forth, and do so.

23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD 11 And Zĕd'ē-kī'áh the son of Chē- hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all

The death of Ahab. Jehoshaphat's reign

spoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zĕd'ē-kī'ah the son of Chēnā'a-näh went near, and smote Mica'iah on the cheek, and said, Which

way went the Spirit of the LORD from

me to speak unto thee?

25 And Mī-cā'jāh said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 26 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl said, Take Mī-cā'jāh, and carry him back unto A'mon the governor of the city, and to

Jo'ash the king's son; 27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

28 And Mī-cā'jāh said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

29 So the king of Iş'rā-ĕl and Jē-hŏsh'a-phāt the king of Judah went up

to Rā'moth-gil'e-ad.

30 And the king of Is'rā-ĕl said unto Jē-hosh'a-phat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Is'ra-ĕl disguised himself, and went into the battle.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the

king of Is'rā-ĕl.

32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Te-hosh'a-phat. that they said, Surely it is the king of Ĭş'rā-ĕl. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jē-hŏsh'a-phăt cried out.

33 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Is'rā-ĕl, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Is'ra-ĕl between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

these thy prophets, and the LORD hath throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

37 T So the king died, and was brought to Sa-ma'ri-a: and they buried the king

in Sa-mā'rĭ-a.

38 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Sa-ma'ri-a; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armor: according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab. and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'ra-el? 40 So Ahab slept with his fathers: and

A'ha-zī'ah his son reigned in his stead 41 ¶ And Jē-hosh'a-phat the son of A'sa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Is'ra-el.

42 Je-hosh'a-phat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Terusalem. And his mother's name was A-zū'bah the daughter of Shil'hi.

43 And he walked in all the ways of A'sa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense vet in the high places.

44 And Je-hosh'a-phat made peace

with the king of Is'rā-ĕl.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Tehosh'a-phat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the sodomites. which remained in the days of his father

A'sà, he took out of the land.

47 There was then no king in E'dom: a deputy was king.

48 Je-hosh'a-phat made ships of Thär'shish to go to O'phir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at É'zĭ-ŏn-gē'bēr. 49 Then said A'hà-zī'àh the son of

Ahab unto Jē-hosh'a-phat. Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships.

But Jē-hŏsh'a-phăt would not.

50 ¶ And Je-hosh'á-phát slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and 36 And there went a proclamation Je-ho'ram his son reigned in his stead.

to reign over Is'ra-ël in Sà-ma'ri-à the to leight to the seventeenth year of Je-hosh'a-phat of Ne'bat, who made is ra-ël to sin: bing of Iudah, and reigned two years 53 For he served Ba'al, and working of Judah, and reigned two years over Is'ra-ël.

LORD, and walked in the way of his that his father had done.

51 (A'ha-zī'ah the son of Ahab began father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jer'o-bo'am the son

shipped him, and provoked to anger the 52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD God of Is'ra-el, according to all

THE SECOND

BOOK OF THE KINGS

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CHAPTER 1

THEN Mō'āb rebelled against Is' rā-ĕl after the death of Ahab.

2 And A'ha-zī'ah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Sa-ma'rī-a, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them. Go. inquire of Bā'āl-zē'bub the god of Ek'ron whether I shall recover of this disease.

3 But the angel of the LORD said to E-li'iah the Tish'bite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Sa-ma'rī-a, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Is'ra-el, that ye go to inquire of Ba'al-ze'bub the god of Ek'ron?

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And E-li'jah departed.

5 C And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why

are ve now turned back?

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it* not because there is not a God in Iş'rā-ĕl, that thou sendest to inquire of Ba'al-ze'bub the god of Ek'ron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

7 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?

8 And they answered him, He was a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is E-li'jah the Tish'bite.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the top of a hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.

10 And E-li'jah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his

11 Again also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly.

12 And E-li'jah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and con-

sumed him and his fifty.

13 ¶ And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before E-li'jah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants. be precious in thy sight.

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in

thy sight.

15 And the angel of the LORD said unto E-li'jáh, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king.

the LORD. For a smuch as thou hast sent and thither, so that they two went over messengers to inquire of Bā'āl-zē'būb the god of Ek'ron, is it not because there is no God in Iş'rā-ĕl to inquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which E-li'jah had spoken. And Je-ho'ram reigned in his stead. in the second year of Je-ho'ram the son of Je-hosh'a-phat king of Judah; be-

cause he had no son.

18 Now the rest of the acts of A'hazī'ah which he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl?

CHAPTER 2

AND it came to pass, when the LORD would take up E-li'jah into heaven by a whirlwind, that E-li'jah went with

E-li'sha from Gil'gal,

2 And E-li'jah said unto E-li'sha. Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And E-li'sha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

were at Beth-el came forth to E-li'sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4 And E-lī'jāh said unto him, E-lī'shā, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jer'i-cho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came

to Ter'i-cho.

were at Jer'i-cho came to E-li'sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that-the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6 And E-li'jah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Tordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And E-li'jah took his mantle, and

16 And he said unto him, Thus saith waters, and they were divided hither on dry ground.

9 ¶ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that E-li'jah said unto E-li'sha, Ask what I shall do for thee. before I be taken away from thee. And E-li'sha said, I pray thee, let a double

portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not

be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and E-li'iah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 ¶ And E-li'sha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Iş'rā-ĕl, and the horsemen thereof! And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two

pieces.

13 He took up also the mantle of E-li'jah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of E-li'jah 3 And the sons of the prophets that that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of E-li'jah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and E-li'sha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jer'i-chō saw him, they said, The spirit of E-li'jah doth rest on E-li'sha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the

ground before him.

16 Q And they said unto him. Behold 5 And the sons of the prophets that now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

> 17 And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jer'i-cho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not? 19 I And the men of the city said unto wrapped it together, and smote the E-li'sha, Behold, I pray thee, the situaground barren.

20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought

it to him.

21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there. healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of E-li'sha

which he spake.

23 C And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Car'mel, and from thence he returned king of E'dom went down to him.

to Sa-ma'rī-a.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Jē-hō'rām the son of Ahab began to reign over Iş'rā-ĕl in Så-mā'rī-à in the eighteenth year of Jē-hosh'a-phāt king of Judah, and

reigned twelve years.

2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Bā'āl that his father had made. 3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the

sins of Ter'o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat. which made Iş'rā-ĕl to sin; he departed

not therefrom.

4 C And Me'sha king of Mô'ab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Is'rā-ĕl a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Mō'āb rebelled against the king of Is'rā-ĕl.

6 ¶ And king Jē-hō'răm went out of Sà-mā'rī-à the same time, and numbered all İş'rā-ĕl.

7 And he went and sent to Jē-hosh'aphat the king of Tudah, saving. The king of Mo'ab hath rebelled against me: wilt city, and every choice city, and shall fell

tion of this city is pleasant, as my lord thou go with me against Mo'ab to seeth; but the water is naught, and the battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.

8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way

through the wilderness of E'dom. 9 So the king of Iş'rā-ĕl went, and the and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have king of Judah, and the king of E'dom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

10 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the

hand of Mo'ab!

11 But Jē-hosh'a-phat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Iş'rā-ĕl's servants answered and said, Here is E-li'sha the son of Shā'phāt, which poured water on the hands of E-li'jah.

12 And Jē-hosh'a-phat said. The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Îs'rā-ĕl and Jē-hŏsh'à-phăt and the

13 And E-li'sha said unto the king of Iş'rā-ĕl, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Mo'ab.

14 And E-li'sha said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jē-hosh'a-phat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said. Thus saith the LORD. Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the

Mô'āb-ītes also into your hand, 19 And ve shall smite every fenced

with stones.

20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered. that, behold, there came water by the way of E'dom, and the country was filled with water.

21 ¶ And when all the Mō'āb-ītes heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Mo'ab-ites saw the water on the

other side as red as blood:

23 And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore,

Mô'ăb, to the spoil.

24 And when they came to the camp of Is'ra-ël, the Is'ra-ël-îtes rose up and smote the Mo'ab-ites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Mô'āb-ītes, even in their country.

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kir-har'aseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it.

26 ¶ And when the king of Mo'ab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through even unto the king of E'dom: but they could

not.

should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Iş'rā-ĕl: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

CHAPTER 4

NOW there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto E-li'sha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast band is old.

every good tree, and stop all wells of thou in the house? And she said, Thine water, and mar every good piece of land handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee yes. sels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she

poured out.

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son. Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil staved.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy chil-

dren of the rest.

8 I And it fell on a day, that E-li'sha passed to Shu'nem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that, as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, which passeth by us con-

tinually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in

11 And it fell on a day, that he came 27 Then he took his eldest son that thither, and he turned into the chamber,

and lay there.

12 And he said to Ge-ha'zī his servant, Call this Shu'nam-mite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him. Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Ge-ha'zī answered, 2 And E-li'sha said unto her, What Verily she hath no child, and her hus-

The Shunammite's son restored to life

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, About this season. according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that E-li'sha had said unto her, according to the time of

18 C And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his

father to the reapers.

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head! And he said to a lad. Carry him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

22 And she called unto her husband. and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? it is neither new moon. nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be

well.

24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid

25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Car'mel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gē-hā'zī his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shu' nam-mite:

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is

well.

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gē-ha'zī came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive

me?

thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

30 And the mother of the child said As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he

arose, and followed her.

31 And Ge-hā'zī passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

32 And when E-li'sha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead,

and laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto

the LORD.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the

child opened his eyes.

36 And he called Ge-ha'zi, and said, Call this Shu'nam-mite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

38 ¶ And E-li'sha came again to Gil' gal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.

41 But he said, Then bring meal. And 29 Then he said to Ge-ha'zī, Gird up he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour

Elisha recovereth Naaman of his lebrasu

out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

Bā'āl-shāl'i-sha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? He said again. Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to

the word of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

TOW Nā'à-măn, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Is'ra-ël a little maid; and she waited on Na'a-man's

wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Sa-ma'ri-a! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid

that is of the land of Is'ra-el.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Iş'rā-ĕl. And he departed, and took thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes thy servant. of raiment.

of Is'rā-el, saying, Now when this letter And he urged him to take it; but he is come unto thee, behold, I have there- refused with sent Na'a-man my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his

legrosy.

And it came to pass, when the king of Iş'rā-ĕl had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow against me.

man of God had heard that the king of Is'ra-el had rent his clothes, that he 42 And there came a man from sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Is'rā-ĕl.

> 9 So Na'a-man came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the

door of the house of E-li'sha.

10 And E-li'sha sent a messenger unto him, saving, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Nā'a-man was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand. and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place. and recover the leper.

12 Are not Ab'a-na and Phar'par. rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Iş'rā-ĕl? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and

went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saving of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean,

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said. Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Is ra-el: now with him ten talents of silver, and six therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of

16 But he said, As the LORD liveth, be-6 And he brought the letter to the king fore whom I stand, I will receive none.

17 And Nā'a-man said, Shall there not then. I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rim'mon to worship there. myself in the house of Rim'mon: when I 8 ¶ And it was so, when E-li'sha the bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in

this thing.

19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

20 @ But Ge-hā'zī, the servant of E-li'sha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Na'a-man this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gē-hā'zī followed after Nā'amăn. And when Nā'a-măn saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all

22 And he said. All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount E'phrā-im two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Na'à-man said. Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two hags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and

they bare them before him.

24 And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house; and he let the

men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and stood before his master. And E-li'sha said unto him. Whence comest thou, Gē-hā'zī? And he said. Thy servant went no whither.

26 And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

27 The leprosy therefore of Na'a-man shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

CHAPTER 6

ND the sons of the prophets said unto E-li'sha. Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam,

3 And one said. Be content, I pray thee. and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down

5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said. Alas, master! for it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said. Where fell it? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in

thither: and the iron did swim.

7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred

against Is'rā-ĕl, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the

king of Is'rā-ĕl, saving, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the

Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Is'ra-el sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice,

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing: and he called his servants, and said unto them. Will ye not show me which of us

is for the king of Is'ra-el?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but E-li'sha, the prophet that is in Iş'ra-ĕl, telleth the king of Is'ra-ël the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 ¶ And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he

is in Do'than.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses. and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered. Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that

be with them.

17 And E-li'sha prayed, and said. and let us make us a place there, where LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: 29 So we boiled my son, and did eat and, behold, the mountain was full of him: and I said unto her on the next horses and chariots of fire round about day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: E-lī'shā.

18 And when they came down to him E-li'sha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them Ē-lī'shā.

19 M And E-li'sha said unto them, This $i\bar{s}$ not the way, neither is this the also to me, if the head of E-li'sha the city: follow me, and I will bring you to son of Sha'phat shall stand on him this the man whom ye seek. But he led them day.

to Sa-mā'rĭ-a.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Sà-mā'rī-à, that E-līsha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Sà-mā'rĭ-à.

21 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl said unto E-li'sha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and LORD any longer? water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of

Is'rā-ĕl.

24 ¶ And it came to pass after this that Ben'-ha'dad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged

Sà-mā'rĭ-à.

my son to-morrow.

25 And there was a great famine in Sá-ma'rī-a: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.

26 And as the king of Ĭş'rā-ĕl was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. 27 And he said, If the LORD do not

help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress? 28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and we will eat

and she hath hid her son.

30 M And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman. that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people with blindness according to the word of looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh.

31 Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head of E-li'sha the

32 But E-li'sha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; what should I wait for the

CHAPTER 7

THEN E-li'sha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To-morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Sa-mā'rī-a.

2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

3 ¶ And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here

until we die?

4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost

part of the camp of Syria, behold, there ments and vessels. which the Syrians

was no man there. 6 For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots. and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another. Lo, the king of İş'rā-ĕl hath hired against us the kings of the Hit'tites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp

as it was, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent. and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another. We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.

11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.

12 I And the king arose in the night. and said unto his servants. I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry: therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the years. city.

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all house and for her land. the multitude of Is'rā-ĕl that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Iş'rā-ĕl-ītes that are consumed:) and let us send and see.

14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host the king how he had restored a dead of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

dan: and, lo, all the way was full of gar- to the king for her house and for her

had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, ac-

cording to the word of the LORD. 17 ¶ And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate; and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to pass as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel. and a measure of fine flour for a shekel. shall be to-morrow about this time in the gate of Sa-ma'ri-a:

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

20 And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAPTER 8

HEN spake E-li'sha unto the woman. whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saving of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Phi-lis'tines seven

3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Phi-lis'tines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her

4 And the king talked with Ge-ha'zī the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that E-li'sha hath done.

5 And it came to pass, as he was telling body to life, that, behold, the woman, 15 And they went after them unto Jor- whose son he had restored to life, cried land. And Ge-ha'zī said, My lord, O ram the son of Je-hosh'a-phat king of king, this is the woman, and this is her Judah began to reign. son, whom E-li'sha restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land. even until now.

7 ¶ And E-li'sha came to Damascus; and Ben'-ha'dad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The

man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said unto Haz'a-el, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

9 So Hăz'ā-ĕl went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben'-ha'dad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?

10 And E-li'sha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath showed me that

he shall surely die.

11 And he settled his countenance steadfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

12 And Haz'a-el said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of İş'rā-ĕl: their strongholds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.

13 And Haz'a-el said. But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And E-li'sha answered, The LORD hath showed me that thou

shalt be king over Syria.

14 So he departed from E-li'sha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said E-li'sha to thee? And he answered. He told me that thou shouldest surely recover.

15 And it came to pass on the morrow. that he took a thick cloth, and dipped if in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Haz'a-el reigned in his stead.

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16 I And in the fifth year of Jo'ram the son of Ahab king of Is'rā-ĕl, Jē-hŏsh' à-phát being then king of Judah, Jē-hō'

17 Thirty and two years old was he

when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Is'ra-el, as did the house of Ahab; for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the

LORD.

19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Indah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light. and to his children.

20 In his days E'dom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a

king over themselves.

21 So Jo'ram went over to Za'ir, and all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the E'dom-ites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet E'dom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Lib

nah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Jo'ram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 And Jo'ram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and A'hà-zī'ah his son

reigned in his stead.

25 In the twelfth year of Jo'ram the son of Ahab king of Is'rā-ĕl did Ā'hà-zī'ah the son of Jē-hō'rām king of Judah begin to reign.

26 Two and twenty years old was A'hazī'ah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Ath'a-li'ah, the daughter of Om'rī king of Iş'rā-ĕl.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 C And he went with Jo'ram the son of Ahab to the war against Haz'a-el king of Syria in Rā'mŏth-gĭl'ē-ăd; and the

Syrians wounded Jo'ram.

29 And king Jo'ram went back to be healed in Jez're-el of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ra'mah, when he fought against Haz'a-el king of Syria. And A'ha-zī'ah the son of Jēho'ram king of Judah went down to see Jehu is anointed king over Israel

To'ram the son of Ahab in Jez're-el, because he was sick.

CHAPTER 9

ND E-li'sha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Rā'mŏth-gil'ē-ăd:

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Je'hū the son of Je-hosh'aphät the son of Nim'shi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the none go forth nor escape of LORD, I have anointed thee king over to go to tell it in Jez'rê-êl. Is'rā-ĕl. Then open the door, and flee,

and tarry not.

4 T So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ra'moth-

gĭľē-ăd.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Je'hū said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Is'rā-ĕl.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD.

at the hand of Jez'e-bel.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Is'ra-ël:

9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jer'o-bo'am the son of Nē'băt, and like the house of Bā'a-sha

the son of A-hi'jah:

10 And the dogs shall eat Jez'e-bel in the portion of Jez're-el, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the

door, and fled.

11 Then Te'hū came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them. Ye know the man, and his communication. 12 And they said, It is false; tell us now.

And he said. Thus and thus spake he to many?

me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Is'ra-el.

13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Je'hū is king.

14 So Je'hū the son of Je-hosh'a-phat the son of Nim'shi conspired against Torăm. (Now Jo'răm had kept Rā'moth-gil'ē-ād, he and all Iş'rā-ĕl, because of

Hăz'ā-ĕl king of Syria.

15 But king Jo'ram was returned to be healed in Jez're-el of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hăz'ā-ēl king of Syria.) And Jē'hū said, If it be your minds, then let none go forth nor escape out of the city

16 So Jē'hū rode in a chariot, and went to Těz'rē-ĕl: for Tö'răm lav there. And A'ha-zi'ah king of Judah was come down

to see Jo'ram.

17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jez're-el, and he spied the company of Te'hū as he came, and said, I see a company. And Jō'ram said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace?

18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Je'hū said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he

cometh not again.

19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jē'hū answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Je'hū the son of Nim'shī; for he driv-

eth furiously.

21 And Jö'răm said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Jo' răm king of Îş'rā-ĕl and Ā'hà-zī'ah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot. and they went out against Te'hū, and met him in the portion of Na'both the Jez're-el-ite.

22 And it came to pass, when Jö'răm saw Jē'hū, that he said, Is it peace, Te'hū? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jez'e-bel and her witchcrafts are so

fled, and said to A'ha-zī'ah, There is of the LORD, which he spake by his serv.

treachery, O A'ha-zī'ah.

24 And Je'hū drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Je-ho'ram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

25 Then said Jehu to Bid'kar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Na'both the Jez'reel-ite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon

him;

26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Na'both, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the

LORD.

27 ¶ But when A'hà-zī'ah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Je'hu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up to Gûr, which is by Ib'le-am. And he fled to Me-gid'do, and died there.

28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city

of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of To'ram the son of Ahab began A'hà-zī'ah to

reign over Judah.

30 Q And when Te'hū was come to Jěz'rē-ĕl, Jěz'ē-běl heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Te'hū entered in at the gate. she said, Had Zim'ri peace, who slew

his master?

32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.

35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands.

36 Wherefore they came again, and him: but who slew all these?

23 And Jo'ram turned his hands, and told him. And he said, This is the word ant E-li'jah the Tish'bite, saying, In the portion of Jez're-el shall dogs eat the flesh of Jez'e-bel:

37 And the carcass of Jez'e-bel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jez're-el; so that they shall

not say, This is Jez'e-bel.

CHAPTER 10

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Sa. mā'rī-a. And Jē'hū wrote letters, and sent to Sa-ma'ri-a, unto the rulers of Jez're-el, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

2 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armor;

3 Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your

master's house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before

him: how then shall we stand?

5 And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also. and the bringers up of the children, sent to Je'hū, saying, We are thy servants. and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jez're-el by to-morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him

them to Jez're-el.

8 ¶ And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

9 And it came to pass in the morning. that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew

10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that which he spake by his servant

E-li'jah. 11 So Je'hū slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jez're-el, and all his great men, and his kinsfolk, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12 Of And he arose and departed, and came to Sa-mā'rī-a. And as he was at

the shearing house in the way,

13 Te'hū met with the brethren of A'hàzi'ah king of Judah, and said, Who are ve? And they answered, We are the brethren of A'ha-zi'ah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of

them. 15 C And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Je-hon'a-dab the son of saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Je-hon'a-dab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him

ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Sa-ma'ri-a, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samā'rī-a, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to E-li'jah.

18 T And Je hū gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Bā'āl a little; but Jē'hū shall

serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Ba'al, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Bā'āl: intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Bā'al.

claimed it.

21 And Je'hū sent through all Is'rā-ĕl: rā-ĕl to sin. and all the worshippers of Ba'al came,

so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Bā'āl; and the house of Bā'āl was full from one end to another.

22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry. Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Bā'āl. And he brought

them forth vestments.

23 And Je'hū went, and Je-hon'a-dab the son of Re'chab, into the house of Bā'āl, and said unto the worshippers of Bā'āl, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Ba'al

only. 24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Je'hū appointed fourscore men without, and said, f any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth

him go, his life shall be for the life of

25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Je'hū said to the guard and to the captains. Go in, and slay them; Re'chab coming to meet him: and he let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Bā'ăl.

26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Bā'āl, and burned

them.

27 And they brake down the image of Bā'āl, and brake down the house of Bā'āl, and made it a draught house unto this day.

28 Thus Je'hū destroyed Ba'al out of

Iş'rā-ĕl.

29 ¶ Howbeit, from the sins of Jer ōbo'am the son of Ne'bat, who made Isrā-ĕl to sin, Jē'hū departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Je'hū, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab acwhosoever shall be wanting, he shall not cording to all that was in mine heart, live. But Je'hū did it in subtilty, to the thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Iş'ra-ĕl.

31 But Je'hū took no heed to walk in 20 And Je'hū said, Proclaim a solemn the law of the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl with assembly for Ba'al. And they pro- all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jer'o-bo'am, which made Is-

32 In those days the LORD began to

cut Is'rā-ĕl short: and Hăz'ā-ĕl smote them in all the coasts of Is'ra-ĕl;

33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gil'ē-ad, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Ma-nas'sites, from A-ro'er, which is by the river Ar'non. even Gil'ē-ăd and Bā'shān.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Je'hū, and all that he did, and all his might. are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'ra-el?

35 And Je'hū slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Sa-ma'ri-a. And Jē-hō'à-haz his son reigned in his stead. 36 And the time that Je'hū reigned over Is'rā-ĕl in Sa-mā'rī-a was twenty and eight years.

CHAPTER 11

AND when Ath'a-li'ah the mother of A'ha-zi'ah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the

seed royal.

2 But Jē-hosh'ē-ba, the daughter of king Jō'rām, sister of Ā'ha-zi'ah, took To'ash the son of A'ha-zī'ah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Ath'à-li'àh, so that he was not

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Ath'a-li'ah

did reign over the land.

4 And the seventh year Je'hôi'à-dà sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do:-A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the

watch of the king's house;

6 And a third part shall be at the gate of Sûr; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the nant between the LORD and the king and watch of the house, that it be not broken the people, that they should be the down.

7 And two parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about

the king.

8 And ye shall compass the king round

his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as he cometh in.

9 And the captains over the hundrede did according to all things that Te-how à-dà the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came

to Tē-hoi'a-da the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple. along by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's son. and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

13 C And when Ath'a-li'ah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of

the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets: and Ath'a-li'ah rent her clothes, and

cried, Treason, treason.
15 But Jē-hôl'ā-dā the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges; and him that followeth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the king's house: and there

was she slain.

17 ¶ And Jē-hôi'á-dá made a cove-LORD's people; between the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Ba'al, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew about, every man with his weapons in Mat'tan the priest of Ba'al before the altars. And the priest appointed officers LORD: and the priests that kept the door

over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the Lorn, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. 20 And all the people of the land re-

joiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Ath'a-li'ah with the sword beside the king's house.

21 Seven years old was Jē-hō'ash when

he began to reign.

CHAPTER 12

IN the seventh year of Jē'hū, Jē-hō' āsh began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zib'i-ah of Bē'ēr-shē'bā.

2 And Je-ho'ash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Je-ho'a-da the priest in-

structed him.

3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 ¶ And Jē-hō'āsh said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the Lorn, even the money of every one that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the Lorn,

5 Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

6 But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jē-hō'āsh the priests had not repaired the breaches of

the house.

7 Then king Jē-hô'āsh called for Jē-hô'ā-dā the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them. Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jē-hôi'á-dá the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the

LORD: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the Lord.

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought

upon the house of the LORD,

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

13 Howbeit there were not made for the house of the Long bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the

that was brought into the house of the LORD:

14 But they gave that to the workmen,

and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the

LORD: it was the priests'.

17 ¶ Then Hăz'ā-ēl king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hāz'ā-ēl set his face to go up to

Jerusalem.

18 And Jē-hō'ásh king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jē-hō'sh'a-his phāt, and Jē-hō'sām, and Ā'hā-zī'āh, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hāz'ā-ēl king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem.

19 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Jō'āsh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the

kings of Judah?

20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Jo'ash in the house of Mil'lo, which goeth down to Sil'la.

and set it beside the altar, on the right 21 For Jöz'a-chār the son of Shīm'ē-ăth, side as one cometh into the house of the and Jē-hŏz'a-băd the son of Shō'mēr,

his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Am'á-zi'áh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 13

IN the three and twentieth year of Jo' ash the son of The Tribit ash the son of A'ha-zi'ah king of Judah, Jē-hô'à-haz the son of Jē'hū began to reign over Is'rā-ĕl in Sa-mā'rī-a, and reigned seventeen years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jer'o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, which made Is'rā-ĕl to sin; he departed not

therefrom.

3 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Iş'rā-ĕl, and he delivered them into the hand of Haz'a-el king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben'-ha'dad the son of Haz'a-el, all their days.

4 And Je-ho'a-haz besought the LORD. and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Iş'rā-ĕl, because the king of Syria oppressed them. 5 (And the LORD gave Iş'rā-ĕl a saviour,

so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Is'rā-ĕl dwelt in their tents, as beforetime.

6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jer'o-bo'am, who made Is'rā-ĕl sin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove also in

Sa-ma'rĭ-a.)

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jē-hō'a-haz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

8 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hō² à-haz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl?

9 And Te-ho'a-haz slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Sa-mā'rī-a: and To'ash his son reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty and seventh year of Jō'āsh king of Judah began Jē-hō'āsh the son of Je-ho'a-haz to reign over Isrā-ĕl in Sā-mā'rī-ā, and reigned sixteen years.

11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jer'o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, who made Is'ra-el sin: but he walked therein.

12 And the rest of the acts of Jo'ash. and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Am'à-zī'àh king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Îş'rā-ĕl?

13 And Jo'ash slept with his fathers. and Jer'o-bo'am sat upon his throne: and To'ash was buried in Sa-ma'ri-a

with the kings of İş'rā-ĕl.

14 ¶ Now E-li'sha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Tot ash the king of Iş'ra-ĕl came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father! the chariot of Is' rā-ĕl, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And E-li'sha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him

bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Is'ra-ël. Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and E-li'sha put his hands upon the king's hands.

17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then E-li'sha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance. and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in

A'phěk, till thou have consumed them. 18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Iş'rā-ĕl, Smite upon the ground. And

he smote thrice, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

20 C And E-li'sha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Mo'ab-ites invaded the land at the coming in of the

vear.

21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of E-li'sha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of E-li'sha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 ¶ But Hăz'ā-ĕl king of Syria oppressed Is'rā-ĕl all the days of Jē-hō'ā-

23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Tacob, and would not destroy them. neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

24 So Hāz'ā-ĕl king of Syria died; and Běn'-hā'dăd his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Je-ho'ash the son of Je-ho'a-haz took again out of the hand of Ben'-ha' dad the son of Haz'a-el the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Je-hoa-haz his father by war. Three times did Jō'ash beat him, and recovered the cities of Is'ra-ël.

CHAPTER 14

TN the second year of Jo'ash son of Je-ho'a-haz king of Is'ra-el reigned Am'a-zī'ah the son of Jo'ash

king of Judah.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Je'ho-addăn of Jerusalem.

3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things

as Jö'āsh his father did.

4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.

5 (And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand. that he slew his servants which had slain

the king his father.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall zi'ah, are they not written in the book of

be put to death for his own sin.

7 He slew of E'dom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took Se'lah by war, and called the name of it Jok'the-el

unto this day

8 ¶ Then Am'a-zī'ah sent messengers to Je-ho'ash, the son of Je-ho'a-haz son of Je'hū, king of Is'rā-ĕl, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9 And Je-ho'ash the king of Iş'ra-ĕl sent to Am'a-zī'ah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

and thine heart hath lifted thee up; glory of this, and tarry at home; for why shouldest thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah

with thee?

11 But Am'a-zī'ah would not hear. Therefore Je-hō'ash king of Iş'ra-ĕl went up; and he and Am'a-zī'ah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Běth'-shê'měsh, which belongeth to Tudah.

12 And Tudah was put to the worse before Is'ra-el; and they fled every man to

their tents

,13 And Jē-hō'ăsh king of Îş'rā-ĕl took Am'à-zī'àh king of Judah, the son of Jēho'ash the son of A'ha-zī'ah, at Beth'shē'mesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of E'phrā-im unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages,

and returned to Sá-mā'rī-á.

15 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hōăsh which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Am'a-zī'ah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl?

16 And Je-ho'ash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Sa-mā'rī-a with the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl; and Jĕr'ō-bō'ām his

son reigned in his stead.

17 ¶ And Am'a-zī'āh the son of Jō'āsh king of Judah lived after the death of Jē-hō'ăsh son of Jē-hō'à-hăz king of Işrā-ĕl fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Am'athe Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to La' chish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with

his fathers in the city of David. 21 ¶ And all the people of Judah took Az'à-rī'àh, which was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father

Am'a-zī'ah.

22 He built E'lath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Am'à-10 Thou hast indeed smitten E'dom, zī'ah the son of Jo'ash king of Judah, Jĕr'ō-bō'ām the son of Jō'āsh king of Ĭṣ'rā-ĕl began to reign in Sā-mā'rǐ-ā, and reigned forty and one years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jer-ō-bō'am the son of Nō'bāt, who made Is'rā-ēl to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Îş'rā-ēl from the entering of Hā'māth unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Iş'rā-ēl, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Â-mīt'taī, the prophet, which was of Gāth'-hē'nhēr.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Iş'rā-ĕl, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor

any helper for Is'ra-el.

27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Is'rā-ĕi from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jĕr'ō-bō'ām the son of Jō'āsh.

28 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jer'ō-bo'ām, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hā'māth, which belonged to Judah, for Is'rā-ĕl, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl?

29 And Jer'ō-bō'ām slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Is'rā-el; and Zāch'ā-rī'āh his son reigned in his

stead.

CHAPTER 15

IN the twenty and seventh year of Jer'ō-bō'am king of Isrā-ēl began Āz'ā-rī'āh son of Ām'ā-zī'āh king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jéch'o-li'ah of Jerusalem. 3 And he did that which was right in

the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Am'a-zi'ah had done; 4 Save that the high places were not

removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places. 5 ¶ And the LORD smote the king, so

that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jo'tham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the acts of Az'a-ri'ah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings

of Judah?

7 So Āz'ā-rī'āh slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jō'thām his son reigned in his stead.

A I In the thirty and eighth year of Az'a-n'ah king of Judah did Zāch'a-n'ah the son of Jēr'ō-bō'ām reign over iştrā-ēl in Sa-mā'n'-ā six months.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jer'6-bo'am the son of Ne'bat, who

made ĭs'rā-ĕi to sin.
10 And Shāi'lüm the son of Jā'bĕsh
conspired against him, and smote him
before the people, and slew him, and

reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the acts of Zāch'ā-rī'āh, behold, they are written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'rā-či.

12 This was the word of the Lord which he spake unto Je'hū, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of İş'rā-ĕl unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.

13 ¶ Shāl'lum the son of Jā'bēsh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uz-zi'ah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Sa-mā'ri-a.

14 For Měn'a-hěm the son of Gã'di went up from Tir'zah, and came to Samā'n'-a, and smote Shā'l'lūm the son of Jā'bēsh in Sa-mā'n'-a, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the acts of Shaillum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Is'rā-ĕi.

16 ¶ Then Měn'â-hēm smote Tiph' sảh, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tir'zàh: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Az'a-rī'ah king of Judah began Mēn'a-hēm the son of Gā'dī to reign over Iş'rā-ēl, and reigned ten years in Sa-mā'

rī-ā.

18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jer'ō-bō'ām the son of Nō'bāt, who made Is'rā-ĕl to

sin.

19 And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Měn'a-hèm gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his

hand might be with him to confirm the ten in the book of the Chronicles of the

kingdom in his hand.

20 And Měn'à-hěm exacted the money of Is'ra-ël, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and staved not there in the land.

21 @ And the rest of the acts of Men'ahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of

the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl?

22 And Měn'a-hěm slept with his fathers; and Pěk'á-hi'áh his son reigned

in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Az'a-rī'ah king of Judah, Pěk'a-hī'ah the son of Měn'a-hěm began to reign over Is'rā-ël in Sa-ma'ri-a, and reigned two years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jer'o-bo'am the son of Nê'băt, who made Îş'rā-ĕl to sin.

25 But Pe'käh the son of Rem'a-li'ah. a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Sa-ma'ri-a, in the palace of the king's house, with Ar gob and A-ri'eh, and with him fifty men of the Gil'ē-ad-ites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pek'ahī'āh, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the Chronicles

of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl.

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Az'à-rī'àh king of Judah, Pē'käh the son of Rem'a-li'ah began to reign over Isrā-ĕl in Sà-mā'rĭ-à, and reigned twenty vears.

28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jer'o-bo'am the son of Nē'băt, who made Îs'rā-ĕl to sin.

29 In the days of Pe'käh king of Iş' rā-ĕl came Tig'lath-pi-lē'şēr king of Assyria, and took l'jon, and A'bel-bethmā'a-chah, and Ja-nō'ah, and Kē'desh, and Hā'zŏr, and Gil'ē-ād, and Galilee, all the land of Naph'ta-li, and carried them captive to Assyria.

30 And Hō-shē'à the son of E'làh made a conspiracy against Pē'kāh the son of Rěm'a-lī'ah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the

Úz-zī'àh.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pe'käh. and all that he did, behold, they are writ-

kings of Ís'rā-ĕl.

32 In the second year of Pë'käh the son of Rem'a-li'ah king of Is'ra-el began Jö'tham the son of Uz-zī'ah king of Ju-

dah to reign.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Je-ru'sha, the daughter of Zā'dŏk.

34 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uz-zi'ah had

done. 35 I Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of

the Lord. 36 W Now the rest of the acts of Totham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of

the kings of Judah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send against Tudah Rē'zīn the king of Syria, and Pe'käh the son of Rem'ali'àh.

38 And Jo'tham slept with his fathers. and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 16

N the seventeenth year of Pe'käh the son of Rem'a-li'ah, Ahaz the son of Jô'thăm king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of

Îş'rā-ĕl.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and

under every green tree.

5 4 Then Re'zīn king of Syria, and Pē'kāh son of Rem'a-li'ah king of Isrā-ĕl, came up to Jerusalem to war: and twentieth year of Jo'tham the son of they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him.

6 At that time Rē'zin king of Svria recovered E'lath to Syria, and drave the to E'lath, and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tig'lathpi-lê'şêr king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of

Is'rā-ĕl, which rise up against me. 8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD. and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of

Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, in his stead.

and slew Re'zin.

10 M And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tig'lath-pi-le'şer king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to U-ri'jah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And U-ri'jah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so U-ri'jah the priest made it against king Ahaz came from

Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his meat offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his

peace offerings, upon the altar.

14 And he brought also the brazen altar, which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Ū-rī'jāh the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meat offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brazen altar shall be for me to inquire by.

16 Thus did U-ri'jah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders cretly those things that were not right

Jews from E'lath: and the Syrians came of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of

Assyria.

19 T Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Tudah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hez'e-ki'ah his son reigned

CHAPTER 17

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hō-shē'ā the son of Ē'lāh to reign in Sā-mā'rī-ā over Īş'rā-ĕl nine years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings

of Iş'rā-ĕl that were before him.

3 ¶ Against him came up Shăl'măn-ē' şer king of Assyria; and Hö-she'a became his servant, and gave him presents.

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hō-shē'à: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5 I Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Sa-ma'rī-a, and besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Ho-she'a the king of Assyria took Sa-mā'rī-a, and carried Iş'rā-ĕl away into Assyria, and placed them in Ha'lah and in Ha'bor by the river of Go'zan, and in the cities of

the Medes.
7 For so it was, that the children of Isra-el had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pha'raoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Is'ra-el, and of the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl, which they had made.

9 And the children of Is'ra-ĕl did se-

against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities. from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10 And they set them up images and proves in every high hill, and under

every green tree:

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger:

12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them. Ye shall not

do this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Isrā-ĕl, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ve from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded thereof. your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14 Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not them.

believe in the LORD their God.

15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Bā'āl.

17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire. and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Is'ra-ĕl, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the

tribe of Judah only.

19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Iş'rā-ĕl which they made.

until he had cast them out of his sight. är-va'im.

21 For he rent Is'rā-ĕl from the house of David; and they made Jer'o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat king; and Jer'o-bo'am drave Is'rā-ĕl from following the LORD. and made them sin a great sin.

22 For the children of Is'ra-ĕl walked in all the sins of Jer'o-bo'am which he did; they departed not from them;

23 Until the LORD removed Is'ra-el out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Is'ra-ël carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

24 4 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cu'thah, and from A'va, and from Ha'math, and from Seph'ar-va'im, and placed them in the cities of Sa-ma'rī-a instead of the children of Is'ra-el; and they possessed Sa-ma'ri-a, and dwelt in the cities

25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Så-mā'rī-å, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of

the God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Sa-mā'rī-a came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Sa-mar'i-tans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Suc' coth-be'noth, and the men of Cuth made Nêr'gal, and the men of Ha'math made

A-shi'ma.

31 And the A'vites made Nib'haz and 20 And the LORD rejected all the seed Tär'tak, and the Se'phar-vites burnt of Iş'ra-ĕl, and afflicted them, and de- their children in fire to A-dram'mē-lĕch livered them into the hand of spoilers, and A-nam'me-lech, the gods of Seph-

32 So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the Lord, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from

thence.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Is ra-ĕl;

35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor

sacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to

him shall ye do sacrifice.

37 And the statutes, and the ordinances. and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ve shall not forget: neither shall

ye fear other gods.

fear; and he shall deliver you out of the

hand of all your enemies. 40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but Medes:

they did after their former manner. 41 So these nations feared the LORD. and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

CHAPTER 18

NOW it came to pass in the third fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

year of Hō-shē'á son of E'làh king
14 And Hĕz'ē-kī'áh king of Judah sent of Is'rā-ĕl, that Hĕz'ē-kī'āh the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was A'bi, the daughter of Zăch'à-rī'àh.

3 And he did that which was right in silver that was found in the house of the the sight of the LORD, according to all LORD, and in the treasures of the king's

that David his father did.

4 II He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did burn incense to it: and he called it Nē-hǔsh'tăn.

5 He trusted in the LORD God of is: rā-ĕl; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor

any that were before him.

6 For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

7 And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forthand he rebelled against the king of

Assyria, and served him not.

8 He smote the Phi-lis'tines, even unto Ga'za, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 C And it came to pass in the fourth vear of king Hez'e-ki'ah, which was the seventh year of Ho-she'a son of E'lah king of Iş'rā-ĕl, that Shăl'măn-ē'sēr king of Assyria came up against Sa-ma! rī-a, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hez'e. kī'ah, that is the ninth year of Hō-shē'a king of Is'rā-ĕl. Sa-mā'rĭ-a was taken.

11 And the king of Assyria did carry 39 But the LORD your God ye shall away Is'rā-ĕl unto Assyria, and put ear: and he shall deliver you out of the them in Hā'lah and in Hā'bŏr by the river of Go'zan, and in the cities of the

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

13 ¶ Now in the fourteenth year of king Hěz ē-kî'áh did Sĕn-năch'ēr-ĭb king of Assyria come up against all the

to the king of Assyria to La'chish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hěz'ē-kī'àh king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hez'e-ki'ah gave him all the

nouse.

the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hez'e-ki'ah king of Judah had overlaid.

and gave it to the king of Assyria. 17 (T And the king of Assyria sent Tär! tan and Rab'sa-ris and Rab'-sha-keh from La'chish to king Hez'e-ki'ah with

a great host against Jerusalem: and they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them E-li'a-kim the son of Hil-ki'ah, which was over the household, and Sheb'na the scribe, and To'ah the son of A'saph the recorder.

19 And Răb'-shà-keh said unto them. Speak ye now to Hez'e-ki'ah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou

trustest?

20 Thou sayest, (but they are but vain words.) I have counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust. that thou rebellest against me?

21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Phas raoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hez'ekī ah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assvria. and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set

riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me. Go up against this

land, and destroy it.

26 Then said E-li'a-kim the son of Hil-kī'ah, and Sheb'na, and Jo'ah, unto Răb'-sha-kĕh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and talk not with us in him the words of Rab'-sha-keh.

16 At that time did Hez'e-ki'ah cut off the Jews' language in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

27 But Răb'-shà-kĕh said unto them. Hath my master sent me to thy master. and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with vou?

28 Then Răb'-sha-kĕh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Tews' language. and spake, saving. Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hez'ekī'ah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hěz'ē-kī'ah make vou trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Hearken not to Hez'e-ki'ah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ve every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the

waters of his cistern:

32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hez'e-ki'ah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. 33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where are the gods of Ha'math, and of Ar'pad? where are the gods of Seph'ar-va'im, He'na, and I'vah? have they delivered Sa-ma'rī-à out of mine

hand?

35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him

Then came E-li'a-kim the son of Hil-ki'ah, which was over the household, and Sheb'na the scribe, and Jo'ah the son of A'saph the recorder, to Hez'ekī'āh with their clothes rent, and told

CHAPTER 10

AND it came to pass, when king A Hez'e-ki'ah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent E-li'a-kim, which was over the household, and Sheb'na the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to I-sa'iah the

prophet the son of A'moz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hěz'ē-kī'ah. This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab'-sha-keh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thu prayer for the remnant that are left.

5 So the servants of king Hez'e-kī'ah

came to I-sa'jah.

6 And I-sa'iah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 ¶ So Răb'-shà-kĕh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Lib'nah; for he had heard that he was departed from La'chish.

9 And when he heard say of Tīr-hā'kàh king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee; he sent messengers

again unto Hez'e-ki'ah, saving, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hez'e-kî'ah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered

into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt

thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroved; as Go'zăn, and Hâ'răn, and Rē'zeph, and the children of E'den which were in The-la'sar?

13 Where is the king of Hā'māth, and the king of Ar pad, and the king of the city of Seph'ar-va'im, of He'na, and

I'vah?

14 C And Hez'e-kī'ah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hez e-ki'ah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hez'e-ki'ah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Is'ra-el. which dwellest between the cherubin. thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast

made heaven and earth.

16 LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sen-nach'er-ib. which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and

their lands.

18 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O LORD our God. I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God.

even thou only.

20 ¶ Then I-şā'jāh the son of Ā'mŏz sent to Hěz'ē-kī'áh, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sen-nach'er-ib king of Assyria I have heard.

21 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee. and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at

thee.

22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thu voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the

Holy One of Is'ra-ĕl.

23 By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Car'mel.

24 I have digged and drunk strange

waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

I have formed it? now have I brought it reigned in his stead. to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps.

26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

27 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage

against me.

28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou

camest.

29 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come

into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For I will defend this city, to save it.

for mine own sake, and for my servant

David's sake.

35 I And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

36 So Sĕn-năch'ēr-ĭb king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and

dwelt at Nin'e-veh.

37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nis'roch his

god, that A-dram'me-leeh and Sha-rezer his sons smote him with the sword: 25 Hast thou not heard long ago how I and they escaped into the land of have done it, and of ancient times that Armenia. And E'sar-had'don his son

CHAPTER 20

N those days was Hez'e-ki'ah sick L unto death. And the prophet I-sa' iah the son of A'moz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die. and not live.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall.

and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hez'e-ki'ah wept sore.

4 And it came to pass, afore I-şā'jāh was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him,

saying,

5 Turn again, and tell Hez'e-kī'ah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

7 And I-sā'iah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the

boil, and he recovered.

8 ¶ And Hĕz'ē-kī'āh said unto Ī-ṣāiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And I-şā'jāh said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hěz'ē-kī'ah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow

return backward ten degrees.

11 And I-să'iâh the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

12 Q At that time Be-rô'dach-bal'a-

dan, the son of Bal'a-dan, king of Baby- tions of the heathen, whom the LORD lon, sent letters and a present unto Hez'e-ki'ah: for he had heard that

Hěz'ê-kī'àh had been sick.

13 And Hez'e-kī'ah hearkened unto them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious. ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hez'e-ki'ah showed them not.

14 Then came Î-şā'jāh the prophet unto king Hez'e-ki'ah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hěz'ē-kī'ah said, They are come from

a far country, even from Babylon. 15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hez'e-kī'ah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them.

16 And I-sā'iàh said unto Hez'e-kī'ah,

Hear the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried unto Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then said Hez'e-kī'ah unto I-şā'iah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?

20 4 And the rest of the acts of Hez'eki'ah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And Hez'e-kī'ah slept with his fathers: and Ma-nas'seh his son reigned

in his stead.

CHAPTER 21

MA-NAS'SEH was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Heph'zihah.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abomina- mine inheritance, and deliver them into

cast out before the children of Is'ra-el

3 For he built up again the high places which Hez'e-kī'ah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Bā'āl, and made a grove, as did Ahah king of Is'ra-el; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said. In

Jerusalem will I put my name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to

provoke him to anger. 7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Is'ra-el, will I put my name for eyer:

8 Neither will I make the feet of Is'rā-ĕl move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses

commanded them.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manăs'sĕh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Is'ra-ël. 10 M And the LORD spake by his serv-

ants the prophets, saying,

11 Because Ma-năs'sĕh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Am'orites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his

12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears

shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Sa-ma'ri-a, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of

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shall become a prey and a spoil to all daughter of A-da'iah of Bos'cath.

their enemies;

15 Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

16 Moreover Ma-nas'seh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in

the sight of the LORD.

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manas'seh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 And Ma-nas'seh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uz'za: and A'mon his son reigned in his stead.

19 ¶ A'mon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Mē-shul'lēměth, the daughter of Hā'rŭz Jŏt'bah.

20 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father

Ma-nas'sĕh did.

21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way

of the LORD.

23 I And the servants of A'mon conspired against him, and slew the king

in his own house.

24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king A'mon: and the people of the land made Tō-sī'ah his son king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of A'mon which he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings of

Tudah?

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uz'za: and Jo-sī'ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 22

began to reign, and he reigned thirty

the hand of their enemies; and they mother's name was Je-di'dah. the

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 ¶ And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Jo-si'ah, that the king sent Shā'phan the son of Az'ali'ah, the son of Mē-shul'lam, the scribe. to the house of the LORD, saving,

4 Go up to Hil-ki'ah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have

gathered of the people:

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work, which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house.

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn

stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit, there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 Q And Hil-ki'ah the high priest said unto Shā'phan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hil-ki'ah gave the book to

Shā'phan, and he read it.

9 And Sha'phan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again. and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

10 And Sha'phan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hil-ki'ah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Sha-

phan read it before the king.

11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hil-ki'ah the priest, and A-hi'kam the son of Sha' phan, and Ach'bor the son of Michā'iah, and Shā'phan the scribe, and As'a-hī'ah a servant of the king's, say-

ing, 13 Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me. O-SIAH was eight years old when he and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that and one years in Jerusalem. And his is found: for great is the wrath of the our fathers have not hearkened unto the LORD. words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Hil-ki'ah the priest, and A-hi'kăm, and Ach'bor, and Sha'phan, and As'a-hi'ah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shal'lum the son of Tik'väh, the son of Här'häs, keeper of the wardrobe: (now she dwelt in Terusalem in the college:) and they communed with her.

15 I And she said unto them. Thus saith the LORD God of Is'ra-el, Tell the

man that sent you to me.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah

hath read:

17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Is'ra-el, As touching the words which

thou hast heard:

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eves shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAPTER 23

AND the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah

and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Terusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant Mo'lech.

LORD that is kindled against us, because which was found in the house of the

3 @ And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hil-ki'ah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Bā'āl, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Yerusalem in the fields of Kid'ron, and carried the ashes of them

unto Beth-el.

5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Ba'al, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kid'ron, and burned it at the brook Kid'ron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of

the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove

hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Gë'ba to Bë'er-shë'ba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their

brethren.

10 And he defiled To'pheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hin'nom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Insigh keepeth the passover. His death

the kings of Judah had given to the sun. at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Na'thanme'lech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Ma-nas'seh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them

into the brook Kid'ron.

13 And the high places that were before Terusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Is'ra-el had builded for Ash'tō-rĕth the abomination of the Zido'ni-ans, and for Che'mosh the abomination of the Mo'ab-ites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of

Ammon, did the king defile.

14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their

places with the bones of men.

15 Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jer'ō-bō'am the son of Ne'bat, who made Iş'rā-el to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.

16 And as Jō-sī'ah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed

these words.

17 Then he said. What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him. It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Tudah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el.

18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his prophet that came out of Sa-ma'ri-a.

places that were in the cities of Samā'rī-a, which the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl had made to provoke the LORD to anger, chariot dead from Mē-gid'dō, and Jō-sī'āh took away, and did to them brought him to Jerusalem, and buried

11 And he took away the horses that according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in

the book of this covenant.

22 Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Is'ra-el, nor in all the days of the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl, nor of the kings of Judah;

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Jo-si'ah, wherein this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Jō-sī'ah put away, that he might per-form the words of the law, which were written in the book that Hil-ki'ah the priest found in the house of the LORD. 25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses: neither after him arose

there any like him. 26 M Notwithstanding, the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Ma-nas'seh had

provoked him withal.

27 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Iş'rā-ĕl, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen. and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Jo-sī'ah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles of the kings

of Judah?

29 ¶ In his days Phā'raōh-nē'chōh king of Egypt went up against the king bones alone, with the bones of the of Assyria to the river Eu-phra'tes; and king Jö-sī'ah went against him; and he 19 And all the houses also of the high slew him at Mē-gid'do, when he had seen him.

30 And his servants carried him in a

him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Je-ho'a-haz the son of To-sī'ah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

31 ¶ Jē-hō'à-hăz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Ha-mū'tāl, the daughter of Jeremiah of Lib'nah.

32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all

that his fathers had done.

33 And Phā'raōh-nē'chōh put him in bands at Rib'lah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

34 And Phā'raōh-nē'chōh made Ē-lī'akim the son of Jo-si'ah king in the room of Jö-sī'ah his father, and turned his name to Jē-hôi'a-kim, and took Jēho'a-haz away: and he came to Egypt,

and died there.

35 And Jē-hoi'a-kim gave the silver and the gold to Phā'raōh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Phā'raōh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Phä'raöh-në'chöh.

36 ¶ Jē-hôi'a-kim was twenty and Babylon came against the city, and his five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zē-bū'dah, the daughter of Pē-dā'iah of

Ru'mah.

37 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAPTER 24

IN his days Něb'ü-chăd-něz'zàr king . of Babylon came up, and Jē-hoi'akim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chal'dees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Mo'ab-ites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD. which he spake by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the

them out of his sight, for the sins of Ma-nas'seh, according to all that he

did:

4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

5 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jēhôi'a-kim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Chronicles

of the kings of Judah?

6 So Jē-hoi'a-kim slept with his fathers: and Je-hoi'a-chin his son reigned

in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Eū-phrā'tēs all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 🖫 Jē-hoi'a-chĭn was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Ne-hush'ta. the daughter of El-na'than of Terusalem. 9 And he did that which was evil in the

sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 I At that time the servants of Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 And Nĕb'ū-εhăd-nĕz'zār king of

servants did besiege it.

12 And Je-hoi'a-chin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year

of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Iş'rā-ĕl had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of

the people of the land.

15 And he carried away Je-hôr'a-chin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into LORD came this upon Judah, to remove captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Zedekiah carried to Babylon. The house of the Lord despoiled 2 KINGS 24, 25

seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 C And the king of Babylon made Mat'ta-ni'ah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to

Zěď ē-kī′áh.

18 Zěď e-kí ah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Ha-mu'tal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Lib'nah.

19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all

that Je-hor'a-kim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah. until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zĕd'ē-kī'ah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAPTER 25

AND it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Neb'uchăd-nez'zar king of Babylon came, he. and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zed'e-ki'ah.

3 And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the guard took away. the land.

4 ¶ And the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between two walls. which is by the king's garden: (now the Chal'dees were against the city round about:) and the king went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Chal'dees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jer'i-cho: and all his

army were scattered from him. 6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Rib'lah; and they gave judgment upon him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zed'eki'ah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zed'e-ki'ah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

8 4 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the which mustered the people of the land,

16 And all the men of might, even nineteenth year of king Něb'ū-chăd-leven thousand, and craftsmen and něz'zar king of Babylon, came Něb' miths a thousand, all that were strong ü-zar-a'dan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Terusalem:

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's

house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chal'dees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers

and husbandmen.

13 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases. and the brazen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chal'dees breakein pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they min-

istered, took they away.

15 And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of

16 The two pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these

vessels was without weight.

17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapiter three cubits; and the wreathed work, and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathed work.

18 ¶ And the captain of the guard took Sē-rā'jah the chief priest, and Zeph'ani'ah the second priest, and the three

keepers of the door:

19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, 1

and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the city:

20 And Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Rib'lah:

21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Rib'lah in the land of Ha'math. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 And as for the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Něb'ű-chăd-něz'zár king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Ged'a-

li'ah the son of A-hi'kam, the son of Shā'phăn, ruler.

23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Ged'ali'ah governor, there came to Gĕd'a-li'ah to Mīz'pāh, even Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Něth'a-nī'ah, and Jō-hā'năn the son of Ca-re'ah, and Se-ra'iah the son of Tăn-hū'měth the Ne-toph'a-thite, and Jā-az'a-nī'ah the son of a Mā-ach'athite, they and their men.

24 And Ged'a-li'ah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chal'dees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of rate for every day, all the days of his Babylon; and it shall be well with you. life.

25 But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ish'mā-el the son of Neth'a. nī'ah, the son of E-lish'a-ma, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him and smote Ged'a-li'ah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chal'dees that were with him at Miz'pah.

26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies. arose, and came to Egypt: for they were

afraid of the Chal'dees.

27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Je-hôr'a-chin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that E'vil-me. ro'dach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Je-hol'a-chin king of Judah out of prison;

28 And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon:

29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before

him all the days of his life.

30 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE

CHRONICLES

CHAPTER 1

△DAM, Shěth, E'nŏsh,

2 Kē'năn, Mà-hā'là-lē'ĕl, Jē'rĕd, 3 He'noch, Me-thu'se-lah, La'mech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Ja'pheth. 5 The sons of Ja'pheth; Go'mer, and Ma'gog, and Mad'a-i, and Ja'van, and Tu'bal, and Me'sheeh, and Ti'ras.

6 And the sons of Go'mer; Ash'che-naz, and Rī'phăth, and Tō-gär'mah.

7 And the sons of Jā'văn; E-li'shâh, and Tär'shish, Kit'tim, and Dô'dâ-nim. 8 The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizrā-im. Pŭt, and Cā'năan.

9 And the sons of Cush; Se'ba, and Hăv'i-läh, and Săb'ta, and Rā'a-mah, and Săb'tē-cha. And the sons of Rā'amàh; Shē'bà, and Dē'dăn.

10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he She'lah begat E'ber.

began to be mighty upon the earth. 11 And Miz'rā-im begat Lu'dim, and An' a-mim, and Le-ha'bim, and Naph-tu'him, 12 And Path-ry'sim, and Cas'lu-him, (of whom came the Phi-lis'tines.) and Căph'tō-rim.

13 And Ca'năan begat Zi'don his firstborn, and Heth,

14 The Jeb'ū-sīte also, and the Am'ō-rīte, and the Gīr'gā-shīte,

15 And the Hi'vite, and the Ark'ite, and

the Si'nite. 16 And the Ar'vad-ite, and the Zem'arīte, and the Hā'math-ite.

17 The sons of Shem; E'lam, and Assh'ur, and Ar-phax'ad, and Lud, and A'ram, and Uz, and Hul, and Ge'ther, and Me'shech.

18 And Ar-phax'ad begat She'lah, and

The sons of Abraham

19 And unto E'ber were born two sons: the name of the one was Pe'leg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name was Jok'tan.

20 And Jök'tän begat Ål-mö'däd, and She'leph, and Ha'zär-mä'veth, and

Je'rah.

21 Hà-dô'răm also, and U'zăl, and Dik'läh,

22 And E'bal, and A-bim'a-el, and She'ba,

To'bab. All these were the sons of his stead. Jok'tan.

24 C Shěm, Ar-phax'ad, Shê'lah, 25 E'ber, Pe'leg, Re'ū,

26 Sē'rūg, Nā'hŏr, Tē'rah,

27 Abram; the same is Abraham. 28 The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ĭsh'mā-ĕl.

29 These are their generations: The firstborn of Ish'mā-ĕl, Nē-bā'iŏth; then Kē'dar, and Ad'bē-ĕl, and Mib'sam,

30 Mish'ma, and Dū'mah, Mas'sa, Ha'dad, and Te'ma,

31 Jē'tūr, Nā'phish, and Kĕd'ē-mah. These are the sons of Ish'mā-ĕl.

32 @ Now the sons of Ke-tu'rah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zim2 răn, and Jök'shăn, and Mē'dăn, and Mīd'i-ăn, and Ish'băk, and Shu'ah. And the sons of Jok'shan; She'ba, and Dē'dăn.

33 And the sons of Mid'i-an; E'phah. and E'pher, and He'noch, and A-bi'da. and El-da'ah. All these are the sons of Kě-tu räh.

34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons

of Isaac; E'sau and Isra-el. 35 ¶ The sons of E'sau; El'i-phaz, Rey'el, and Je'ŭsh, and Ja'a-lam, and Ko'rah.

36 The sons of El'i-phaz; Te'man, and O'mar, Ze'phi, and Gā'tām, Kē'nāz, and Tim'na, and Am'a-lēk. 37 The sons of Reu'el; Nā'hāth, Zē'

ràh, Shăm'màh, and Miz'zàh.

38 And the sons of Se'ir; Lô'tan, and Shō'băl, and Zib'ē-ŏn, and Ā'nah, and

Shố bàl, and Lio e-ou, and Di'shăn. 2 Dan, Josepu, and Di'shăn, and B'zar, and Di'shăn. 2 Dan, Josepu, and Ash'ër. 39 And the sons of Lô'tăn; Hô'ri, and ta-li, Gad, and Ash'ër. 39 And the sons of Judah; Er, and O'năn, 39 And the sons of Judah; Er, and O'năn, the sons of Judah; Er, and O'năn, the sons of Judah; Er, and O'năn, and Di'shan and Lô'tan's and

40 The sons of Shō'băl; A-lī'ăn, and Măn'à-hàth, and E'bal, Shē'phī, and Ö'năm. And the sons of Zib'ē-ŏn; A-i'ah, and A'nah.

41 The sons of A'nah; Dī'shon. And

the sons of Di'shon; Am'ram, and Esh' băn, and Ith'răn, and Chē'răn.

42 The sons of E'zer; Bil'han, and Za! yan, and Ja'kan. The sons of Di'shan;

Uz, and Aran.
43 ¶ Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of E'dom before any king reigned over the children of Is' rā-el; Be'la the son of Be'or: and the name of his city was Din'ha-bah.

44 And when Be'la was dead, Jo'bab 23 And O'phir, and Hav'i-läh, and the son of Zē'rah of Boz'rah reigned in

45 And when Jô'băb was dead, Hū' sham of the land of the Te'man-ites

reigned in his stead.

46 And when Hū'shām was dead, Hā' dad the son of Be'dad, which smote Mid'i-an in the field of Mo'ab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was A'vith.

47 And when Ha'dad was dead, Sam' làh of Măs'rē-kah reigned in his stead. 48 And when Săm'lâh was dead, Shā'ŭl of Rē-hō'bŏth by the river reigned in his stead.

49 And when Shā'ŭl was dead, Bā'ālhā'năn the son of Ach'bor reigned in his

stead.

50 And when Bā'āl-hā'năn was dead. Hā'dād reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pā'i; and his wife's name was Mē-het'a-bel, the daughter of Ma'tred, the daughter of Měz'ā-hăb.

51 ¶ Hā'dād died also. And the dukes of E'dom were; duke Tim'nah, duke

A-lī'ah, duke Jē'thĕth, 52 Duke A-höl'i-bā'mah, duke E'lah,

duke Pi'non.

53 Duke Kē'năz, duke Tē'măn, duke Mib'zar,

54 Duke Măg'di-ĕl, duke Î'răm. These are the dukes of E'dom.

CHAPTER 2

THESE are the sons of Iş'rā-ĕl; L Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Is'sa-char, and Zeb'ū-lun.

to him of the daughter of Shu'à the Cā'nāan-īt'ēss. And Ēr, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD; and he slew him.

4 And Ta'mar his daughter-in-law bare

him Phā'rēz and Zē'rāh. All the sons of Cā'lēb-ĕph'rā-tāh, then A-bī'āh Hēz! Judah were five.

5 The sons of Pha'rez: Hez'ron, and

Hā'mŭl.

6 And the sons of Ze'rah; Zim'rī, and E'than, and He'man, and Cal'col, and Da'ra: five of them in all.

7 And the sons of Car'mi; A'char, the troubler of Is'rā-ĕl, who transgressed in

the thing accursed.

8 And the sons of E'than; Az'a-rī'ah. 9 The sons also of Hez'ron, that were born unto him: Tē-rāh'mē-ĕl, and Răm. and Chē-lu'baī.

10 And Ram begat Am-min'a-dab: and Am-min'a-dab begat Nah'shon, prince

of the children of Judah:

Săl'mà begat Boaz,

12 And Boaz begat O'bed, and O'bed

begat Jesse. 13 ¶ And Jesse begat his firstborn E-li'ab, and A-bin'a-dab the second, and Shim'ma the third,

the fifth.

15 O'zem the sixth, David the seventh: 16 Whose sisters were Zer'u-ī'āh, and Ab'ī-gāil. And the sons of Zer'u-ī'āh; A-bish'ā-ī, and Jō'āb, and As'à-hĕl. three.

17 And Ab'i-gail bare Am'a-sa: and the father of Am'a-sa was Te'ther the Ĭsh'mā-ĕl-īte.

18 ¶ And Caleb the son of Hez'ron begat children of A-zū'bah his wife, and of Jer'i-oth: her sons are these; Je'sher, and Sho'bab, and Ar'don.

19 And when A-zū'bah was dead, Caleb took unto him Eph'rath, which

bare him Hûr.

20 And Hûr begat Ü'rī, and Ü'rī begat Eph'lal begat Ö'bĕd.

Bē-zăl'ē-ĕl.

21 ¶ And afterward Hez'ron went in to the daughter of Ma'chir the father of Gil'ē-ad, whom he married when he was threescore years old; and she bare him Sē'gub.

22 And Sē'gub begat Jā'īr, who had three and twenty cities in the land of

Gil'ē-ăd.

23 And he took Gē'shur, and Ā'rām. with the towns of Ja'ir, from them, with Ke'nath, and the towns thereof, even threescore cities. All these belonged to the sons of Mā'chir the father of Gil'ē-ăd.

24 And after that Hez'ron was dead in She'ma.

ron's wife bare him Ash'ur the father of Tē-kō'a.

25 @ And the sons of Je-rah'me-el the firstborn of Hez'ron were, Ram the firstborn, and Bu'nah, and O'ren, and O'zěm, and A-hī'jah.

26 Jē-räh'mē-ĕl had also another wife. whose name was At'a-rah; she was the

mother of O'năm.

27 And the sons of Ram the firsthorn of Je-räh'me-el were, Ma'az, and Ja' min, and E'ker.

28 And the sons of O'nam were, Shăm'mā-ī, and Jā'dā. And the sons of Sham'mā-i; Nā'dab, and A-bī'shur.

29 And the name of the wife of A-bi' 11 And Näh'shon begat Săl'ma, and shur was Ab'ī-hāil, and she bare him Äh'ban, and Mö'lid.

30 And the sons of Na'dab; Se'led. and Ap'pa-im: but Se'led died without

children. 31 And the sons of Ap'pa-im; Ish'i.

And the sons of Ish'i; She'shan. And 14 Në-thăn'ē-ël the fourth, Răd'dā-ī the children of Shē'shan; Ah'laī. 32 And the sons of Ta'da the brother of

Sham'mā-i; Jē'thēr, and Jonathan: and Jē'thēr died without children.

33 And the sons of Jonathan; Pë'leth. and Za'za. These were the sons of Tē-räh'mē-ĕl.

34 ¶ Now Shē'shan had no sons, but daughters. And She'shan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jär'hå.

35 And She'shan gave his daughter to Jär'ha his servant to wife; and she bare him Ăt tā-ī.

36 And At'tā-ī begat Nathan, and

Nathan begat Zā'băd,

37 And Zā'bād begat Eph'lal, and 38 And Ö'bĕd begat Jē'hū, and Jē'hū

begat Az'a-rī'ah. 39 And Az'a-rī'ah begat Hē'lēz, and

Hē'lēz begat Ĕl'ē-ā'sah, 40 And Ĕl'ē-ā'sah begat Sīs'ā-maī, and

Sīs'à-maī begat Shăl'lum,

41 And Shal'lum begat Jek'a-mī'ah. and Jěk'à-mī'àh begat E-lish'à-mã.

42 T Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Je-räh'me-el were, Me'sha his firstborn, which was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Ma-re'shah the father of He'bron.

43 And the sons of He'bron; Ko'rah, Táp-pū'ah, and Rē'kēm, and

44 And Shē'mà begat Rā'hām, the father of Jôr'kō-ăm: and Rē'kēm begat Shăm'mā-ī.

45 And the son of Sham'ma-i was Mā'on: and Mā'on was the father of

Běth'-zûr'.

46 And E'phah, Caleb's concubine, bare Ha'ran, and Mō'za, and Ga'zez: and Hā'rān begat Gā'zĕz

47 And the sons of Jäh'dā-ī; Rē'gem. and Jö'tham, and Ge'sham, and Pe'let, and E'phah, and Sha'aph.

Caleb's concubine. 48 Mā'à-chah,

bare She'ber, and Tir'ha-näh.

40 She bare also Sha'aph the father of Mad-man'nah, She'va the father of Mặch-bē'nah, and the father of Gib'ē-a: and the daughter of Caleb was Ach'sa.

50 These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hûr, the firstborn of Eph'ra-täh; Shō'băl the father of Kīr'jāth-jē'a-rīm. 51 Săl'mà the father of Beth-lehem,

Hā'rĕph the father of Běth'-gā'dēr. 52 And Sho'bal the father of Kir'jathjē'a-rīm had sons; Ha-rō'ĕh, and half

of the Ma-na'heth-ites.

53 And the families of Kir'jath-je'a-rim; the Ith'rites, and the Pu'hites, and the Shu'math-ites, and the Mish'raites; of them came the Za're-ath-ites, and the Esh'ta-u'lites.

54 The sons of Sal'ma; Beth-lehem, and the Ne-toph'a-thites, At'a-roth, the house of Jô'ab, and half of the Ma-na-

heth-ites, the Zo'rites.

55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jā'bez; the Tī'rath-ītes, the Shīm'ē-āth-ītes, and Sū'chath-ītes. These are the Kē'nītes that came of He'math, the father of the house of Rē'chāb.

CHAPTER 3

NOW these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of A-hin'oam the Jez're-el-it'ess: the second, Daniel, of Ab'ī-gāil the Car'měl-it'ess:

2 The third, Ab'sa-lom the son of Mā'a-chah the daughter of Tal'mai king of Ge'shur: the fourth, Ad'o-ni'jah the

son of Hag'gith:

3 The fifth, Sheph'a-ti'ah of Ab'i-tal: the sixth, Ith're-am by Eg'lah his wife.

4 These six were born unto him in Hê'bron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

5 And these were born unto him in Terusalem: Shim'ē-a, and Shō'băb, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath'-shu'a the daughter of Am'mi-el:

6 Ib'har also, and E-lish'a-ma, and E-liph'e-let.

7 And Nogah, and Nephee, and

Já-phi'á, 8 And E-lish'á-mä, and E-li'á-dá, and

9 These were all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tā'mar their sister.

10 M And Solomon's son was Re'hobo'am. A-bi'à his son. A'sa his son.

Tē-hosh'a-phat his son.

11 Jo'ram his son, A'ha-zī'ah his son, Jö'ash his son,

12 Am'à-zī'àh his son, Az'à-rī'àh his son, Jô'thăm his son, 13 Ahaz his son, Hěz'ē-kī'ah his son,

Mà-nās'sẽh his son, 14 Ā'mŏn his son, Jō-sī'ah his son. 15 And the sons of Jō-sī'ah were, the firstborn Jō-hā'năn, the second Jēhôi'à-kim, the third Zěd'ē-kī'ah, the

fourth Shăl'lum. 16 And the sons of Je-hoi'a-kim; Jec'o-

nī'ah his son, Zĕd'ē-kī'ah his son. _17 ¶ And the sons of Jĕc'ō-nī'āh; As'sīr, Sa-la'thī-ĕl his son,

18 Măl-chi'răm also, and Pē-dā'iah, and Shē-nā'zar, Jēc'a-mī'ah, Hosh'a-

ma, and Ned'a-bi'ah.

19 And the sons of Pē-dā'iah were. Zĕ-rub'ba-bĕl, and Shim'ē-i: and the sons of Ze-rub'ba-bel; Me-shul'lam. and Hăn'à-nī'àh, and Shē-lō'mith their sister:

20 And Hà-shu'bàh, and Ö'hĕl, and Bĕr'ē-chī'ah, and Hăs'a-dī'ah, Ju'shăb-

hē'sĕd. five.

21 And the sons of Han'a-ni'ah; Pelà-tī'ah, and Jē-sā'iah; the sons of Rē-phā'iah, the sons of Ār'nan, the sons of O'bà-dī'ah, the sons of Shech' à-nī'àh.

22 And the sons of Sheeh'a-nī'ah; Shemā'iah; and the sons of Shē-mā'iah; Hặt từsh, and I'gē-ăl, and Bà-rī ah, and Nē à-rī ah, and Shā'phāt, six.

23 And the sons of Ne´a-rī'ah; E-lī´ōē'nā-ī, and Hez'e-kī'ah, and Az'rī-kām,

24 And the sons of E-lī'ō-ē'nā-ī were, Hō-dā'jāh, and E-lī'ā-shīb, and Pēla'iah, and Ak'kub, and Jo-ha'nan, and Dăl'ā-ī'āh, and A-nā'nī, seven.

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CHAPTER 4

THE sons of Judah; Phā'rēz, Hēz'rŏn, and Cār'mi, and Hūr, and Shō'bāl. 2 And Rē-ā'jāh the son of Shō'bāl begat Jā'hāth; and Jā'hāth begat Ā-hū'mai, and Lā'hād. These are the families of the Zō'rāth-ites.

3 And these were of the father of E'tăm; Jez'rē-el, and Ish'ma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was

Hăz'ĕ-lĕl-pō'nī:

4 And Pē-nū'ël the father of Gē'dör, and Ē'zēr the father of Hū'shāh. These are the sons of Hūr, the firstborn of Eph'rā-tāh, the father of Beth-lehem.

5 ¶ And Åsh'ŭr the father of Tē-kō'ā had two wives, Hē'läh and Nā'ā-rāh.

6 And Nā'a-rah bare him A-hū'zām, and Hā'phēr, and Tēm'ē-nī, and Hā'ahāsh'tā-rī. These were the sons of Nā'a-rah.

7 And the sons of He'lah were, Ze-

rèth, and Jē-zō'ar, and Eth'năn. 8 And Coz begat A'nŭb, and Zō-bē'bah, and the families of A-här'hĕl the son of

Hā'rŭm.

9 ¶ And Jā'bĕz was more honorable than his brethren; and his mother called his name Jā'bĕz, saying, Because I bare

him with sorrow.

10 And Jā'bēz called on the God of İş'rā-ēl, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

11 ¶ And Che'lub the brother of son. Shu'ah begat Me'hir, which was the 27

father of Esh'ton.

12 And Ésh'tön begat Běth'-rā'phå, and På-sē'ah, and Tē-hin'nah the father of Îr'-nā'hāšh. These are the men of Rē'chāh.

13 And the sons of Kē'năz; Ŏth'nĭ-ĕi, and Sē-rā'iàh; and the sons of Oth'nĭ-ĕi;

Hā'thăth.

14 And Mē-ŏn'ō-thai begat Öph'rah: and Sē-tā'jāh begat Jō'āb, the father of the valley of Chār'ā-shim; for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jē-phun'nēb; Yru, E'lāh, and Nā-ām; and the sons of E'lāh, even Kē'nāz.
16 And the sons of Jē'hā-lē'lē-ēl; Zīph,

and Zi'phah, Tir'i-a, and A-sa're-el.

The sons of Judah and Simeon. Jabez

17 And the sons of Ezra were, Jē'thēr, and Mē'rēd, and Ē'phēr, and Jā'lōn: and she bare Miriam, and Shām'mā-ī, and Ish'bāh the father of Ēsh'tē-mō'ā.

18 And his wife Jē-hū-di'jāh bare Jē' rēd the father of Gē'dör, and Hē'bēr the father of Sō'ehō, and Jē-kū'thī-ĕi the father of Zā-nō'āh. And these are the sons of Bi-thi'āh the daughter of Phā' raōh, which Mē'rēd took.

19 And the sons of his wife Hō-dī'āh the sister of Nā'hām, the father of Kē-i-lāh the Gār'mīte, and Esh'tē-mō'ā the

Mā-ăch'à-thite.

20 And the sons of Shi'mon were, Amnon, and Rin'nah, Ben'-ha'nan, and Ti'lon. And the sons of Ish'i were, Zō'

hěth, and Běn'-zô'hěth.

21 ¶ The sons of Shē'lāh the son of Judah were, Ēr the father of Lē'cāh, and Lā'a-dāh the father of Mā-rē'shāh, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ash'bē-ā,
22 And Jō'kim, and the men of Chō-

22 And Jö'kim, and the men of Chöze'bà, and Jö'ash, and Sā'raph, who had the dominion in Mō'āb, and Jā-shu'bi-lē'hēm. And these are ancient things,

23 These were the potters, and those that dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The sons of Simeon were, Něm'ū-ĕl, and Jā'mĭn, Jā'rĭb, Zē'rāh, and Shā'ŭl:

25 Shăl'lum his son, Mib'săm his son,

Mish'mà his son.

26 And the sons of Mish'ma; Ha-mū'ël his son, Zăc'chŭr his son, Shīm'ē-ī his son.

27 And Shim'ē-ī had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah.

28 And they dwelt at Bē'ēr-shē'bà, and Möl'à-dàh, and Hā'zār-shu'āl,

29 And at Bil'hâh, and at E'zem, and at Tô'lăd.

30 And at Bē-thū'ěl, and at Hôr'mah,

and at Zik'lag,

31 And at Beth'-mär'ca-both, and Hazär-sū'sim, and at Beth'-bir'e-i, and at Shā'à-rā'im. These were their cities unto the reign of David.

32 And their villages were, E'tăm, and A'în, Rĭm'mŏn, and Tō'chĕn, and

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A'shan, five cities:

33 And all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Ba'al his son, Bā'āl. These were their habitations,

and their genealogy.

34 And Mê-shô'băb, and Jăm'lech, and Jō'shâh the son of Am'a-zi'āh,

35 And Joel, and Je'hu the son of Tos i-bi'ah, the son of Sē-rā'iah, the son

of A'sī-ĕl, 36 And Ē-lī'ō-ē'nā-ī and Jā'à-kō'báh, and Jesh'o-ha'iah, and A-sa'iah, and A'di-el, and Je-sim'i-el, and Be-na'iah, 37 And Zi'za the son of Shi'phi, the son

of Al'lon, the son of Je-da'iah, the son of Shim'ri, the son of She-ma'iah: 38 These mentioned by their names

mere princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly. 39 C And they went to the entrance

the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet. and peaceable; for they of Ham had

dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hez'e-ki'ah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because there was nasture there for their flocks.

42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Se'ir, having for their captains Pěl'á-tī'àh, and Nē'à-rī'àh, and Rēphā'iāh, and Ūz-zī'ēl, the sons of Ish'ī. 43 And they smote the rest of the

Am'a-lek-ites that were escaped, and

dwelt there unto this day.

CHAPTER 5

NOW the sons of Reuben the first-born of Iş'rā-ĕl, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled alogies in the days of Jo'tham king of his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Īş'rā-ĕl: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:) 3 The sons, I say, of Reuben the firstborn of Is'ra-el were, Ha'noch, and threescore, that went out to the war.

Păl'lū, Hěz'ron, and Car'mi.

4 The sons of Joel; Shē-mā'jah his son, Gog his son, Shim'e-i his son,

5 Mi'cah his son, Rē-ā'ia his son,

6 Bē-ē'rah his son, whom Til'gathpil-në'sër king of Assvria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.

7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned, were the chief, Je-i'el, and Zĕch'à-rī'àh,

8 And Be'la the son of A'zaz, the son of She'ma, the son of Joel, who dwelt in A-ro'er, even unto Ne'bo and Ba'al-

me'on:

9 And eastward he inhabited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Eū-phrā'tēş: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gil'e-ad.

10 And in the days of Saul they made of Ge dor, even unto the east side of war with the Hagar-ites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the east land of Gĭl'ē-ăd.

11 I And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bas

shăn unto Săl'câh:

12 Joel the chief, and Shā'pham the next, and Jā'a-naī, and Shā'phāt in Bā'shăn.

13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers were, Mī'chā-ĕl, and Mēshul'lam, and She'ba, and Jo'ra-i, and Ja'chan, and Zi'a, and He'ber, seven.

14 These are the children of Ab'i-hail the son of Hū'rī, the son of Ja-rō'ah, the son of Gil'e-ad, the son of Mi'cha-el. the son of Jē-shish'ā-ī, the son of Jāh'dō, the son of Buz;

15 A'hi the son of Ab'di-ĕl, the son of Gū'nī, chief of the house of their

fathers.

16 And they dwelt in Gil'e-ad in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Shar'on, upon their borders.

17 All these were reckoned by gene-Judah, and in the days of Jer'o-bo'am king of Iş'ra-el.

18 I The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Ma-nas-2 For Judah prevailed above his seh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were four and forty thousand seven hundred and

> 19 And they made war with the Hagar-ītes, with Jē'tŭr, and Nē'phīsb, and Nō'dāb.

20 And they were helped against them, and the Ha'gar-ites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them; because they put their trust in him.

21 And they took away their cattle: of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men a hun-

dred thousand.

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22 For there fell down many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their steads until the captivity.

23 And the children of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bā'shan unto Bā'alhēr'mon and Sē'nīr, and unto mount Hermon.

24 And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even E'phêr, and Ish'i, and E'li-ĕl, and Az'ri-ĕl, and Jeremiah, and Hô'da-vī'ah, and Jähdi-ĕl, mighty men of valor, famous men, and heads of the house of their fathers.

25 ¶ And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before

them.

26 And the God of Iş'rā-ĕl stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Til'gath-pil-ne'ser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh, and brought them unto Hā'lah, and Hā'bor, and Hā'ra, and to the river Go'zan, unto this day.

CHAPTER 6

THE sons of Levi; Gēr'shŏn, Kō'hăth, and Mē-rā'rī.

2 And the sons of Kô'hặth; Ăm'răm, Iz'här, and Hē'bron, and Uz-zī'él.

3 And the children of Am'ram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nā'dāb and A-bī'hū, El'ē-ā'zar and Ith'a-mār.

ē-hās begat A-bīsh'ū-a,

5 And A-bish'ū-a begat Būk'kī, and A-sā'iah his son.

Zer'a-hī'ah begat Mē-ra'iŏth,

7 Mē-rā'iŏth begat Am'à-rī'ah, and Am'a-rī'ah begat A-hī'tub,

8 And A-hi'tub begat Zā'dok, and Zat dok begat A-him'a-az,

9 And A-him'ā-az begat Az'a-rī'ah, and

Az'a-rī'ah begat Jō-hā'nan, 10 And Jo-ha'nan begat Az'a-rī'ah; (he it is that executed the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Teru-

salem:) 11 And Az'a-rī'ah begat Am'a-rī'ah, and Am'a-ri'ah begat A-hi'tub.

12 And A-hi'tub begat Zā'dok, and Zā!

dŏk begat Shăl'lüm,

13 And Shāl'lum begat Hil-kī'ah, and Hil-kī'ah begat Az'a-rī'ah,

14 And Az'a-rī'ah begat Sē-rā'iah, and Sē-rā'iáh begat Tē-hŏz'á-dăk.

15 And Je-hoz'a-dak went into cabtivity, when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár.

16 ¶ The sons of Levi; Ger'shom, Ko: hăth, and Mē-rā'rī.

17 And these be the names of the sons

of Gēr'shom; Lib'ni, and Shim'ē-i. 18 And the sons of Kō'hath were, Am! răm, and Iz'här, and Hē'bron, and Uz-zī'ĕl.

19 The sons of Me-ra'ri; Mäh'li, and Mū'shī. And these are the families of the Le'vites according to their fathers.

20 Of Ger'shom; Lib'nī his son, Ja'hath his son, Zim'mah his son,

21 Jô'ah his son, Ĭd'dō his son, Zē'rāh his son, Jē-ăt'ē-raī his son.

22 The sons of Ko'hath; Am-min'a-dab his son, Kö'rah his son, As'sīr his son, 23 El-kā'nah his son, and E-bī'a-saph

his son, and As'sir his son, 24 Tā'hāth his son, Ū'rī-ĕl his son, Ŭz-zī'áh his son, and Shā'ŭl his son.

25 And the sons of El-kā'nāh; A-măs' ā-ī, and A-hī'mŏth.

26 As for El-kā'nāh: the sons of El-kā' nah: Zō'phaī his son, and Na'hath his

son, 27 E-lī'āb his son, Jē-rō'hām his son,

El-kä'nàh his son. 28 And the sons of Samuel; the first-

born Văsh'nī, and A-bī'ah.

29 The sons of Me-ra'rī; Mäh'lī, Līb'nī 4 C El'ē-a'zar begat Phin'ē-has, Phin' his son, Shim'ē-ī his son, Uz'za his son, 30 Shim'ē-à his son, Hag-gi'ah his son,

Bulk'ki begat Uz'zi,
6 And Uz'zi begat Zer'a-hi'ah, and
31 And these are they whom Davio set
over the service of song in the house of
the Your offer that the ark had rest. the LORD, after that the ark had rest.

32 And they ministered before the

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dwelling place of the tabernacle of the

congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Terusalem: and then they waited on their office according to their order.

33 And these are they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohath-ites; He'man a singer, the son of

Toel, the son of Shē-mū'el,

34 The son of El-ka'nah, the son of Te-ro'ham, the son of E'li-el, the son of To'ah,

35 The son of Zuph, the son of El-kanah, the son of Ma'hath, the son of

A-măs'ā-ī,

36 The son of El-ka'nah, the son of Toel, the son of Az'a-ri'ah, the son of Zěph'a-ni'ah,

37 The son of Ta'hath, the son of As' sir, the son of E-bi'a-saph, the son of with their suburbs,

Kō'rah.

38 The son of Iz'har, the son of Ko' hath, the son of Levi, the son of Iş'rā-ĕl. 39 And his brother, A'saph, who stood on his right hand, even A'saph the son of Ber'a-chi'ah, the son of Shim'e-a,

40 The son of Mī'chā-ĕl, the son of Bā'à-sē'iah, the son of Mal-chī'ah.

41 The son of Eth'ni, the son of Ze'rah, the son of A-da'jah,

42 The son of E'than, the son of Zim-

mah, the son of Shim'e-i,

43 The son of Ja'hath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.

44 And their brethren the sons of Merā'rī stood on the left hand: E'than the son of Kish'i, the son of Ab'di, the son of Măl'lŭch.

Ām'ā-zī'āh, the son of Hil-ki'āh, 46 The son of Ām'zī, the son of Bā'nī,

the son of Shā'mēr. 47 The son of Mah'li, the son of Mu-

shī, the son of Mē-rā'rī, the son of Levi. 48 Their brethren also the Le'vites were appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 C But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Isrā-el, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

50 And these are the sons of Aaron: Ěl'ē-ā'zar his son, Phin'ē-has his son.

A-bīsh'ū-a his son.

51 Buk'kī his son, Ŭz'zī his son, Zĕr'ā-

hi'ah his son.

52 Mē-rā'iŏth his son, Am'a-rī'ah his son, A-hi'tub his son.

53 Zā'dok his son. A-hīm'ā-āz his son. 54 I Now these are their dwelling places throughout their castles in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Ko'hath-ites: for theirs was

the lot.

55 And they gave them He'bron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it.

56 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the

son of Je-phun'neh.

57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, namely, He'bron, the city of refuge, and Lib'nah with her suburbs, and Jat'tīr, and Esh'tē-mô'a,

58 And Hi'len with her suburbs. De-

bir with her suburbs,

59 And A'shan with her suburbs, and Běth'-shē'měsh with her suburbs:

60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin: Gē'ba with her suburbs, and Al'ē-měth with her suburbs, and An'a-thoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. 61 And unto the sons of Ko'hath, which

were left of the family of that tribe, were cities given out of the half tribe, namely, out of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh, by

lot, ten cities.

62 And to the sons of Ger'shom throughout their families out of the tribe of Is'sa-char, and out of the tribe of Ash'er, and out of the tribe of Naph'ta-li, and 45 The son of Hash'a-bī'ah, the son of out of the tribe of Ma-nas's h in Bashăn, thirteen cities.

63 Unto the sons of Mē-rā'rī were given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zeb'ū-lun.

twelve cities.

64 And the children of Is'ra-el gave to the Le'vites these cities with their suburbs.

65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin. these cities, which are called by their

66 And the residue of the families of the sons of Ko'hath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of E'phrā-im.

67 And they gave unto them, of the cities of refuge, Shē'chem in mount E'phra-im with her suburbs; they gave of David two and twenty thousand and also Ge'zer with her suburbs.

68 And Jök'mē-ăm with her suburbs, and Běth'-hô'rŏn with her suburbs,

69 And Ai'a-lon with her suburbs, and Găth'-rim'mon with her suburbs:

70 And out of the half tribe of Ma-nasseh: A'ner with her suburbs, and Bil' ē-ăm with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohãth.

71 Unto the sons of Ger'shom were given, out of the family of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh. Go'lan in Ba'shan with her suburbs, and Ash'ta-roth with her

suburbs:

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72 And out of the tribe of Is'sa-char: Kē'děsh with her suburbs, Dăb'ē-răth with her suburbs.

73 And Ra'moth with her suburbs, and

A'nem with her suburbs:

74 And out of the tribe of Ash'er: Mashal with her suburbs, and Ab'don with her suburbs.

75 And Hū'kŏk with her suburbs, and

Rē'hŏb with her suburbs:

76 And out of the tribe of Naph'ta-li; Kë'dësh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hăm'mon with her suburbs, and Kîr'jàtha'im with her suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of the children of Merā'rī were given, out of the tribe of Zeb' ū-lun, Rim'mon with her suburbs. Tā'

bor with her suburbs:

78 And on the other side Jordan by Jer'i-cho, on the east side of Jordan, were given them, out of the tribe of Reuben, Be'zer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jäh'zah with her suburbs

79 Kěď e-moth also with her suburbs. and Měph'a-ath with her suburbs:

80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gil'e-ad with her suburbs, and Mā'hà-nā'im with her suburbs.

81 And Hesh'bon with her suburbs, and

Tā'zēr with her suburbs.

CHAPTER 7

NOW the sons of Is'sa-char were, To'la, and Pu'ah, Ja'shub, and

Shim'rom, four.

2 And the sons of To'la; Ŭz'zī, and Rēphā'iah, and Jē'rī-ĕl, and Jäh'mā-ī, and Jīb'sam, and Shē-mū'ěl, heads of their father's house, to wit, of To'la: they were valiant men of might in their gen- name of the second was Zē-lô'phē-hād: erations; whose number was in the days and Zē-lō'phē-hād had daughters.

six hundred.

3 And the sons of Uz'zī; Ĭz'rà-hī'ah; and the sons of Iz'ra-hi'ah; Mī'chā-ĕl, and O'bà-dī'ah, and Joel, I-shī'ah, five: all

of them chief men. 4 And with them, by their generations. after the house of their fathers, were

bands of soldiers for war, six and thirty thousand men: for they had many wives

and sons. 5 And their brethren among all the families of Is'sa-char were valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their gene.

alogies fourscore and seven thousand 6 The sons of Benjamin; Be'la, and Be'cher, and Te-di'a-el, three,

7 And the sons of Be'la; Ez'bon, and Uz'zī, and Uz-zī'ĕl, and Jer'ī-moth, and I'ri, five: heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four.

8 And the sons of Be'cher; Ze-mi'ra. and Jo'ash, and El'i-e'zer, and E-li'o-e' nā-ī, and Om'rī, and Jer'i-moth, and À-bi'àh, and Àn'à-thoth, and Àl'à-meth. All these are the sons of Be'cher.

9 And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor, was twenty thousand and two

hundred.

10 The sons also of Jē-dī'ā-ĕl; Bīl'hān: and the sons of Bil'han; Je'ush, and Benjamin, and E'hud, and Che-na'a-nah, and Ze'than, and Thar'shish, and A-hish'a-har.

11 All these the sons of Je-di'a-el, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valor, were seventeen thousand and two hundred soldiers, fit to go out for

war and battle.

12 Shup'pim also, and Hup'pim, the children of Ir. and Hu'shim, the sons of A'hēr.

13 The sons of Naph'ta-li; Jäh'zi-ĕl, and Gu'ni, and Je'zer, and Shal'lum,

the sons of Bil'hah.

14 The sons of Ma-nas'seh; Ash' ri-el, whom she bare; (but his concubine the A'ram-it'ess bare Ma'ehir the father of Gil'e-ad:

15 And Ma'chir took to wife the sister of Hup'pim and Shup'pim, whose sister's name was Ma'a-chah;) and the The sons of Ephraim and Manasseh. Their habitations 1 CHRONICLES 7, 8

16 And Mā'a-chah the wife of Mā'chir hare a son, and she called his name Peresh: and the name of his brother was Shê'resh; and his sons were U'lam and Rā'kēm.

17 And the sons of U'lam; Be'dan. These were the sons of Gil'e-ad, the son of Mā'chĭr, the son of Ma-năs'sĕh.

18 And his sister Ham-mol'e-keth hare I'shod, and A'bi-e'zer, and Mahā'läh.

19 And the sons of She-mi'dah were. À-hī'an, and Shē'chem, and Lik'hī, and

À-nī'ām.

20 C And the sons of E'phra-im; Shuthe lah, and Be'red his son, and Ta'hath his son, and El'a-dah his son, and Ta-

hàth his son, 21 ¶ And Zā'bād his son, and Shuthe lah his son, and E'zer, and El'e-ad, whom the men of Gath that were born in that land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle.

22 And E'phrā-im their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to

comfort him.

23 @ And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bare a son, and he called his name Bē-rī'ah, because it went evil with his house.

24 (And his daughter was She'rah, who huilt Beth'-ho'ron the nether, and the upper, and Uz'zen-she'rah.)

25 And Rē'pháh was his son, also Rē' shëph, and Të'lah his son, and Ta'han his son.

26 Lā'a-dăn his son, Ām-mī'hud his

son, E-lish'à-mä his son,

27 Nŏn his son, Jē-hŏsh'ū-ah his son. 28 I And their possessions and habitations were, Beth-el and the towns thereof. and eastward Na'a-ran, and westward Gë'zër, with the towns thereof: Shëchem also and the towns thereof, unto Gā'zā and the towns thereof:

29 And by the borders of the children of Ma-nas'seh, Beth'-she'an and her towns, Tā'a-nāch and her towns, Mēgid'do and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Is'rā-ĕl.

30 C The sons of Ash'er; Im'nah, and Is'ū-ah, and Ish'ū-ai, and Bē-rī'ah, and

Së'rah their sister.

31 And the sons of Be-rī'ah: He'ber, and Măl'chi-el, who is the father of Bīr-zā'vith.

32 And Hē'bēr begat Japh'let, and and El-pā'al.

Shō'mēr, and Hō'thăm, and Shu'à their sister.

33 And the sons of Japh'let; Pa'sach, and Bim'hal, and Ash'vath. These are the children of Japh'let.

34 And the sons of Sha'mer: A'hi, and Röh'gah, Je-hub'bah, and A'ram.

35 And the sons of his brother He'lem: Zô'pháh, and Ĭm'nà, and Shē'lĕsh, and A'măl.

36 The sons of Zo'phah: Su'ah, and Här'në-phër, and Shu'ăl, and Bë'ri, and

Ĭm'rāh.

37 Bē'zēr, and Höd, and Shām'mā, and Shil'shäh, and Ith'ran, and Be-e'ra. 38 And the sons of Te'ther: Je-phun-

něh, and Pis'päh, and A'ra. 39 And the sons of Ŭl'là; A'rah, and Han'i-ël, and Rē-zī'a.

40 All these were the children of Ash'er. heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.

CHAPTER 8

NOW Benjamin begat Be'la his first-born, Ash'bel the second, and A-har ah the third.

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3 And the sons of Be'la were, Ad'dar, and Ge'ra, and A-bi'hud,

4 And A-bish'ū-a, and Nā'a-man, and À-hō'àh.

5 And Ge'ra, and She-phu'phan, and Hū'răm.

6 And these are the sons of E'hud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Ge'ba, and they removed them to Măn'a-hăth:

7 And Nā'a-măn, and A-hī'ah, and Ge'ra, he removed them, and begat

Uz'za, and A-hi'hud.

8 And Shā'ha-ra'im begat children in the country of Mo'ab, after he had sent them away; Hū'shim and Bā'a-ra were his wives.

9 And he begat of Hō'dĕsh his wife. Jo'bab, and Zib'i-a, and Mē'sha, and

Măl'chăm, 10 And Jē'ŭz, and Shà-chī'à, and Mīr'ma. These were his sons, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Hū'shim he begat A-bi'tub.

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12 The sons of El-pa'al: E'ber, and Mī'shām, and Shā'med, who built O'no. and Lod, with the towns thereof:

13 Bē-rī'ah also, and Shē'ma, who were heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Ai'a-lon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:

14 And A-hī'ō. Shā'shāk, and Ter'ēmŏth,

15 And Zeb'a-dī'ah, and A'rad, and A'der.

16 And Mi'chā-ĕl, and Is'pah, and To'ha, the sons of Bé-rī'ah: 17 And Zeb'a-di'ah, and Me-shul'lam,

and Hez'e-ki, and He'ber,

18 Ish'mē-raī also, and Jez-li'ah, and

Jo'bab, the sons of El-pa'al: 19 And Ja'kim, and Zieh'ri, and Zăb'di,

20 And El'i-e'nā-i, and Zil'thai, and E'li-ĕl.

21 And A-dā'iah, and Bĕr'a-ī'ah, and Shim'rāth, the sons of Shim'hī; 22 And Ish'pān, and Hē'bēr, and

Ē'lī-ĕl. 23 And Ab'don, and Zieh'ri, and Hā'năn.

24 And Hăn'à-nī'àh, and E'lăm, and An'tō-thi'jah,

25 And Iph'ē-dē'iah, and Pē-nū'ĕl, the

sons of Shā'shāk: 26 And Sham'she-rai, and She'ha-

rī'āh, and Ath'ā-li'āh, 27 And Jar'e-si'ah, and E-li'ah, and

Zich'ri, the sons of Je-ro'ham. 28 These were heads of the fathers, by

their generations, chief men. These dwelt in Jerusalem.

29 And at Gib'e-on dwell the father of Gib'ē-on: whose wife's name was Mā'acháh:

30 And his firstborn son Ab'don, and Zûr, and Kish, and Bā'āl, and Nā'dăb, 31 And Gë'dor, and A-hi'o, and Zaεĥēr.

32 And Mik'löth begat Shim'ē-ah. And these also dwelt with their brethren in

Jerusalem, over against them.

33 ¶ And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Mal'chi-shu'a, and A-bin'a-dab, and Esh'-bā'ăl.

34 And the son of Jonathan was Merīb-bā'āl; and Měr'ib-bā'āl begat Mīcah.

35 And the sons of Mi'cah were, Pi' thon, and Me'lech, and Ta're-a, and

36 And Ahaz begat Je-hō'a-dah; and

Je-ho'a-dah begat Al'e-meth, and Azma'veth, and Zim'ri; and Zim'ri begat Mō'zà:

37 And Mō'zā begat Bĭn'ē-ā: Rā'nhà was his son, El'ē-ā'sah his son, A'zēl his

38 And A'zĕl had six sons, whose names are these, Az'rī-kam, Bo'chē-ru. and Ish'mā-ĕi, and Shē'à-rī'āh, and Ō'bà-dī'āh, and Hā'năn. All these were the sons of A'zĕl.

39 And the sons of E'shek his brother were, U'lam his firstborn, Je'hush the second, and E-liph'e-let the third.

40 And the sons of U'lam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these are of the sons of Benjamin.

CHAPTER 9

O ail Is'rā-ĕl were reckoned by gene. alogies; and, behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Is'ra-El and Tudah, who were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

2 Now the first inhabitants that dwell in their possessions in their cities were, the Is'ra-el-ites, the priests, Le!

vites, and the Neth'i-nim.

3 And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of E'phraim, and Ma-năs'sĕh:

4 U'thai the son of Am-mi'hud, the son of Om'ri, the son of Im'ri, the son of Bā'nī, of the children of Phā'rēz the son

of Judah.

5 And of the Shī'lo-nītes: A-sā'iah the

firstborn, and his sons.

6 And of the sons of Zē'rah; Jē-ū'ĕl. and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Săl'lū (the son of Me-shul'lam, the son of Ho-

(dà-vi'ah, the son of Has'ē-nū'ah.

8 And Ib-në'iah the son of Je-ro'ham, and E'lah the son of Uz'zi, the son of Mich'ri, and Mē-shul'lam the son of Sheph'a-ti'ah, the son of Reu'el, the son of Ib-nī'iah:

9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

10 ¶ And of the priests; Jē-dā'jah, and Jē-hoi'a-rjb, and Jā'ehīn,

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11 And Az'à-rī'àh the son of Hīl-kī'àh,

the son of Mē-shul'lam, the son of Za' dok, the son of Me-ra'ioth, the son of A-hi'tub, the ruler of the house of God:

12 And A-da'iah the son of Je-ro'ham. the son of Pash'ur, the son of Mal-chijah, and Mā-as'i-ai the son of A'di-el, the son of Jäh'zē-rah, the son of Mēshul'lam, the son of Me-shil'le-mith. the son of Im'mer:

13 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service of

the house of God

14 And of the Le'vites; She-ma'iah the son of Has'shub, the son of Az'ri-kam, the son of Hash'a-bi'ah, of the sons of Mē-rā'rī:

15 And Bak-bak'kar, He'resh, and Gatal, and Mat'ta-ni'ah the son of Mi'cah. the son of Zich'ri, the son of A'saph;

16 And O'ba-dī'ah the son of Shē-mā' igh, the son of Ga'lal, the son of Je-duthun, and Ber'e-chi'ah the son of A'sa, the son of El-kā'nah, that dwelt in the villages of the Ne-toph'a-thites.

17 And the porters were, Shal'lum. and Ak'kub, and Tal'mon, and A-hi'man. and their brethren: Shal'lum was the

chief:

18 Who hitherto waited in the king's gate eastward: they were porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

19 And Shal'lum the son of Ko're, the son of E-bi'a-saph, the son of Ko'rah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Kô'rah-ites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the host of the LORD, were keepers of the entry.

20 And Phin'e-has the son of El'e-a' zar was the ruler over them in time past,

and the LORD was with him.

21 And Zech'a-rī'ah the son of Meshël'ë-mi'ah was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All these which were chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office.

23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 In four quarters were the porters,

toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren, which were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them.

26 For these Le'vites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries

of the house of God.

27 If And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning pertained to them.

28 And certain of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.

29 Some of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30 And some of the sons of the priests

made the ointment of the spices.

31 And Mat'ti-thi'ah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shal'lum the Ko'rah-ite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans. 32 And other of their brethren, of the sons of the Ko'hath-ites, were over the showbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

33 And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Le'vites, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and

night.

34 These chief fathers of the Le'vites were chief throughout their generations: these dwelt at Jerusalem.

35 C And in Gib'e-on dwelt the father of Gib'ē-on, Jē-hī'ĕl, whose wife's name

was Mā'a-chàh:

36 And his firstborn son Ab'don, then Zûr, and Kish, and Bā'āl, and Něr, and Nā'dāb.

37 And Gē'dor, and A-hī'o, and Zech'a-

rī'āh, and Mīk'löth.

38 And Mik'loth begat Shim'e-am. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren. 39 And Něr begat Kish; and Kish begat

Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Măl'chi-shu'a, and A-bin'a-dăb, and Esh'-bā'ăl.

40 And the son of Jonathan was Mer-

ib-bā'āl: and Mer'ib-bā'āl begat Mī'cah. 41 And the sons of Mi'cah were, Pi'thon, and Me'lech, and Tah're-a, and

Ahaz. 42 And Ahaz begat Jā'rāh; and Jā'rāh Zim'rī; and Zim'rī begat Mō'zā;

43 And Mō'za begat Bin'ē-a; and Rēphā'iah his son, El'ē-ā'sah his son, A'zĕl his son.

44 And A'zĕl had six sons, whose names are these, Az'rī-kam, Bo'chē-ru, and Ish'mā-ĕl, and Shē'a-ri'āh, and Ö'bà-dī'āh, and Hā'nān. These were the sons of A'zĕl.

CHAPTER 10

NOW the Phi-lis'tines fought against Is'rā-ĕl; and the men of Is'rā-ĕl fled from before the Phi-lis'tines, and fell down slain in mount Gil-bo'à.

2 And the Phi-lis'tines followed hard after Saul, and after his sons; and the Phi-lis'tines slew Jonathan, and A-bin'adăb, and Măl'chi-shu'à, the sons of Saul.

3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he

was wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul to his armor-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armorbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise on the

sword, and died.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and

all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Is'rā-ĕl that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the Phi-lis'tines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Phi-lis'tines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gil-bō'à.

9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armor, and sent into the land of the Phi-lis tines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

10 And they put his armor in the house for the LORD of hosts was with him. of their gods, and fastened his head in

the temple of Da'gon.

11 ¶ And when all Jā'bĕsh-gil'ē-ād heard all that the Phi'lis'tines had done to Saul.

12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the

begat Al'e-meth, and Az-ma'veth, and Ja'besh, and buried their bones under the oak in Ja'besh, and fasted seven

days. 13 C So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD. even against the word of the LORD. which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit. to inquire of it;

14 And inquired not of the LORD: there. fore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

CHAPTER 11

HEN all Iş'rā-ĕl gathered themselves to David unto Hē'bron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Is'ra-el: and the LORD thy God said unto thee. Thou shalt feed my people Is'ra-el, and thou shalt be ruler over my people

Îş'rā-ĕl.

3 Therefore came all the elders of Is: rā-ĕl to the king to Hē'bron; and David made a covenant with them in He'bron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over [5'7ā-ēl, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

4 ¶ And David and all [5'7ā-ēl went to Jerusalem, which is]ē'būs; where

the Jeb'u-sites were, the inhabitants of

the land.

5 And the inhabitants of Je'bus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither, Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which is the city of David.

6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jeb'ū-sites first shall be chief and captain. So Jo'ab the son of Zer'u-i'ah

went first up, and was chief. 7 And David dwelt in the castle: therefore they called it the city of David.

8 And he built the city round about even from Mil'lo round about: and Jo'ab repaired the rest of the city.

9 So David waxed greater and greater:

10 I These also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Iş'rā-ĕl, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Iş'rā-ĕl.

11 And this is the number of the mighty bodies of his sons, and brought them to men whom David had; Jà-shō'bē-am, a Hach'mo-nite, the chief of the captains: him with a staff, and plucked the spear he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time.

12 And after him was El'e-a'zar the son of Do'do, the A-ho'hite, who was one of

the three mighties.

13 He was with David at Pas'-dam' mim, and there the Phi-lis'tines were gathered together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Phi-lis'tines.

14 And they set themselves in the midst of that parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Phi-lis tines; and the LORD saved them by a great deliverance.

15 ¶ Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of A-dul'lam; and the host of the Phi-lis'tines encamped in the valley of Rěph'ā-im.

16 And David was then in the hold, and the Phi-lis'tines' garrison was then at

Beth-lehem.

17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that is at

the gate!

18 And the three brake through the host of the Phi-lis'tines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to the LORD.

19 And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it: therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest.

20 ¶ And A-bish'ā-ī the brother of Jō'āb, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among

the three.

21 Of the three, he was more honorable than the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not to the first three.

22 Bē-nā'iàh the son of Jē-hôi'à-dà, the Josh'à-phặt the Mith'nite, son of a valiant man of Kāb'zē-ĕl, who 44 Üz-zī'à the Ash'tē-rāth-īte, Shā'mà son of a valiant man of Kăb'zē-ĕl, who had done many acts; he slew two lionlike men of Mō'āb: also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a and Josh'a-vi'ah the sons of El-nā'am, weaver's beam; and he went down to and Ith'mah the Mo'ab-ite.

out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear.

24 These things did Be-na'iah the son of Jē-hôi'à-dà, and had a name among

the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was honorable among the thirty, but attained not to the first three: and David set him over his guard.

26 Also the valiant men of the armies were, As'a-hel the brother of Jo'ab, Elhã'năn the son of Dô'dō of Beth-lehem.

27 Shăm'mŏth the Hā'rō-rīte, Hē'lĕz the Pel'o-nite.

28 I'ra the son of Ik'kesh the Te-koite, A'bi-ë'zër the An'toth-ite.

29 Sĩb'bē-caī the Hū'shath-ītə, Î'lā-ī the A-ho'hite, 30 Ma-har'a-i the Ne-toph'a-thite, He-

led the son of Ba'a-nah the Ne-toph'athite

31 Ith'ā-ī the son of Rī'baī of Gīb'ē-àh, that pertained to the children of Benjamin, Bē-nā'iah the Pīr'a-thon-īte.

32 Hū'rā-ī of the brooks of Gā'āsh, Ā'bī-ēl the Ar'bāth-īte,

33 Az-mā'vēth the Ba-hā'rum-īte, E-lī'

àh-bà the Shā'ăl-bō'nīte.

34 The sons of Hā'shēm the Gi'zō-nīte, Jonathan the son of Sha'ge the Ha'ra-

35 A-hī'am the son of Sā'car the Hā' rà-rite. El'i-phal the son of Ûr.

36 He'pher the Me-che'rath-ite, A-hijah the Pel'o-nite,

37 Hěz'rō the Cär'mĕl-īte, Nā'a-raī the son of Ez'baī,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mib'har the son of Hăg'gē-rī,

39 Ze'lek the Ammonite, Na'ha-rai the Be'roth-ite, the armor-bearer of Jo'ab the son of Zer'u-ī'ah,

40 Î'rà the Îth'rîte, Gā'rĕb the Îth'rîte, 41 Ũ-rī'ah the Hĩt'tîte, Zā'băd the son

of Ah'lai.

42 Ad'i-na the son of Shī'za the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hā'năn the son of Mā'a-chah, and

and Je-hī'el the sons of Hō'than the A-ro'er-ite,

45 Je-dī'ā-ĕl the son of Shim'ri, and

Jo'ha his brother, the Ti'zīte,

46 E'li-ĕl the Mā'hà-vite, and Jĕr'i-bai

47 E'H'ël, and O'bëd, and Ja'si-ël the Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto Mē-sō'ba-īte.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these are they that came to David to Zik'lag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow, even of Saul's breth-

ren of Benjamin.

3 The chief was A'hī-ē'zēr, then Jō'āsh. the sons of Shē-mā'ah the Gib'ē-athite; and Jē'zi-ĕl, and Pē'lĕt, the sons of Az-mā'věth; and Běr'a-cháh, and Jē'hū the An'toth-ite,

4 And Is-mā'iah the Gib'ē-on-īte, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Ja-hā'zī-ĕl, and Jo-ha'nan, and Jos'a-bad the Ge-

de'ra-thite,

5 E-lū'zā-ī, and Jĕr'ī-mŏth, and Bē'àli'ah, and Shem'a-ri'ah, and Sheph'atī'ah the Ha-ru'phīte,

6 Él-kā'nah, and Jē-sī'ah, and A-zā' rē-ĕl, and Jō-ē'zēr, and Jà-shō'bē-ăm,

the Kôr'hites.

7 And Jō'ē-lah, and Zĕb'a-dī'ah, the

sons of Je-ro'ham of Ge'dor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains; 9 E'zer the first, O'bà-dī'ah the second.

E-li'ab the third. 10 Mish-măn'nah the fourth, Jeremiah

· the fifth, 11 At'ta-ī the sixth, E'lī-ĕl the seventh,

12 Jō-hā'năn the eighth, El-zā'bād the ninth, 13 Jeremiah the tenth, Măch'ba-naī

the eleventh.

14 These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least was over a hundred, and the greatest over a

15 These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflown all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

16 And there came of the children of

David.

17 And David went out to meet them. and answered and said unto them, If ve be come peaceably unto me to help me. mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.

18 Then the spirit came upon A-masā-ī, who was chief of the captains, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them

captains of the band.

19 And there fell some of Ma-nas'seh to David, when he came with the Philis'tines against Saul to battle; but they helped them not: for the lords of the Phi-lis'tines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master

Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. 20 As he went to Zik'lag, there fell to him of Ma-nas'seh, Ad'nah, and Joz'abăd, and Jē-dī'ā-ĕl, and Mī'ehā-ĕl, and Joz'a-bad, and E-li'hū, and Zil'thai. captains of the thousands that were of

Mā-năs'sĕh.

21 And they helped David against the band of the rovers: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host.

22 For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was

a great host, like the host of God. 23 And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to He'bron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and

eight hundred, ready armed to the war. 25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Levi four thou-

sand and six hundred.

27 And Je-hôi'à-dà was the leader of the Aar'on-ites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred;

28 And Zā'dŏk, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty

and two captains.

29 And of the children of Benjamin.

kept the ward of the house of Saul.

30 And of the children of E'phra-im twenty thousand and eight hundred. mighty men of valor, famous throughout

the house of their fathers.

31 And of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king.

32 And of the children of Is'sa-char. which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Iş'rā-ĕl ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.

33 Of Zĕb'ū-lŭn, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: they were not of double heart. 34 And of Naph'ta-li a thousand captains, and with them with shield and

spear thirty and seven thousand. 35 And of the Dăn'îtes expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six

hundred.

36 And of Ash'er, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand. 37 And on the other side of Jordan, of

the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Is' rā-ĕl: and all the rest also of Iş'rā-ĕl

were of one heart to make David king. 39 And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover they that were nigh them. even unto Is'sa-char and Zeb'ū-lun and Năph'tà-li, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for there was joy in Is'ra-el.

CHAPTER 13

AND David consulted with the cap- of O'běd-ē'dom, and all that he had. A tains of thousands and hundreds. and with every leader.

2 And David said unto all the congrega-tion of Iş'rā-ël, If it seem good unto you, Now Hiram king of Tyre sent mes-tion of Iş'rā-ël, If it seem good unto you, us send abroad unto our brethren every build him a house.

the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for where, that are left in all the land of Is' the kindle the greatest part of them had rā-ĕl, and with them also to the priests in their cities and Lē'vītes which are in their cities and suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us:

3 And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we inquired not at it in

the days of Saul.

4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right

in the eyes of all the people.

5 So David gathered all Is'ra-el together, from Shi'hôr of Egypt even unto the entering of He'math, to bring the ark of God from Kîr'jath-je'a-rim.

6 And David went up, and all Is'ra-ĕl, to Bā'a-lah, that is, to Kīr'jāth-jē'a-rīm, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth between the cherubim, whose name is called on it.

7 And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of A-bin'a-dab: and Uz'za and A-hi'o drave the cart.

8 And David and all Iş'rā-ĕl played before God with all their might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 I And when they came unto the threshingfloor of Chi'don, Uz'za put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the

oxen stumbled.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uz'za, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

11 And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uz'zà: wherefore that place is called

Pē'rĕz-ŭz'zā to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?

13 So David brought not the ark home to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of O'bedē'dom the Git'tite.

14 And the ark of God remained with the family of O'běd-ē'dom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house

CHAPTER 14

and that it be of the LORD our God, let cedars, with masons and carpenters, to

2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Iş'rā-ĕl, all lands; and the LORD brought the fear for his kingdom was lifted up on high, of him upon all nations. because of his people Iş'rā-ĕl.

3 4 And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons

and daughters.

4 Now these are the names of his children which he had in Jerusalem; Shăm-mū'à, and Shō'băb, Nathan, and Solomon

5 And Ib'har, and El'i-shū'a, and El-6 And Nogah, and Ne pheg, and Ia-

7 And E-lish'a-mä, and Bē'e-li'a-da,

and E-liph'a-let.

8 ¶ And when the Phi-lis'tines heard that David was anointed king over all Iş'rā-ĕl, all the Phi-lis'tineş went up to seek David. And David heard of it, and went out against them.

9 And the Phi-lis'tines came and spread themselves in the valley of

Rěph'ā-ĭm.

10 And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Phi-lis'tines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Bā'āl-pē-rā'zim: and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Ba'aipē-rā'zim,

12 And when they had left their gods

13 And the Phi-lis' tines yet again spread a-dab, themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore David inquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Phi-lis'tines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Phi-lis'tines from Gib'e-on even to

Gā'zēr.

17 And the fame of David went out into

CHAPTER 15

AND David made him houses in the A city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Le'vites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for

ever.

3 And David gathered all Is'ra-el together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the children of

Aaron, and the Le'vites:

5 Of the sons of Ko'hath; U'rī-el the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twenty:

6 Of the sons of Me-ra'ri; A-sa'iah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and

twenty: 7 Of the sons of Ger'shom; Joel the chief, and his brethren a hundred and

thirty:

8 Of the sons of El'i-za'phan; She-maiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred:

9 Of the sons of He'bron; E'lī-ĕl the chief, and his brethren fourscore:

10 Of the sons of Uz-zī'ĕl; Am-mĭn'àdab the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Zā'dŏk and A-bi'à-thar the priests, and for the Lethere, David gave a commandment, and vites, for U'ri-el, A-sa'iah, and Joel, they were burned with fire. She-ma'iah, and E'li-el, and Am-min-

> 12 And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Le'vites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Is'ra-el unto the place that I have prepared for it.

13 For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the

due order.

14 So the priests and the Le'vites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl.

15 And the children of the Le'vites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses com-

LORD.

16 And David spake to the chief of the Le'vites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of music. psalteries and harps and cymbals. sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Le'vites appointed He'man the son of Joel; and of his brethren, A'saph the son of Ber'e-chi'ah; and of the sons of Mē-rā'rī their brethren,

E'than the son of Kū-shā'iah:

18 And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zěch'a-rī'ah, Ben, and Jā-ā'zĭ-ĕl, and Shē-mĭr'a-mŏth, and Jēhī'ēl, and Ŭn'nī, E-lī'āb, and Bē-nā'jah. and Mā'à-sē'iah, and Măt'ti-thī'ah, and E-liph'ē-lĕh, and Mik-nē'jah, and Ö'bĕdē'dom, and Jē-ī'ěl, the porters.

19 So the singers, He'man, A'saph, and E'than, were appointed to sound with

cymbals of brass;

20 And Zěch'a-rî'ah, and A'zĭ-ĕl, and Shē-mir'a-moth, and Jē-hi'el, and Un'ni, and E-li'ab, and Ma'a-se'iah, and Bē-nā'jah, with psalteries on Al'a-moth: 21 And Măt'tĭ-thī'ah, and E-lĭph'ē-lĕh

and Mik-ne'iah, and O'bed-e'dom. and Tē-ī'ĕl, and Az'ā-zī'āh, with harps on the

Shem'i-nith to excel.

22 And Chen'a-ni'ah, chief of the Levites, was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilful. 23 And Ber'e-chi'ah and El-ka'nah

were doorkeepers for the ark.

24 And Sheb'a-ni'ah, and Je-hosh'aphāt, and Nē-thān'ē-ĕl, and A-mās'ā-ī, and Zĕeh'ā-rī'āh, and Bē-nā'jāh, and Ĕl'ī-ē'zēr, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Ö'běd-ë'dom and Tē-hī'ah were doorkeepers for the ark.

25 T So David, and the elders of Isrā-ĕl, and the captains over thousands. went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of

O'běd-ē'dom with joy.

26 And it came to pass, when God helped the Le'vites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Le'vites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chena-ni'ah the master of the song with the singers: David also had upon him an ĕph'ŏd of linen,

manded, according to the word of the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet. and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

29 And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Mi'chal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king

David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

CHAPTER 16

SO they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in

the name of the LORD.

3 And he dealt to every one of Is'rā-ĕl, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

4 ¶ And he appointed certain of the Le'vites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl:

5 A'sāph the chief, and next to him Zēch'a-rī'ah, Jē-rī'ēl, and Shē-mīr'a-moth, and Jē-hī'ēl, and Māt'tī-thr'ah, and E-li'ab, and Be-na'iah, and O'bed-e'dom: and Je-i'el with psalteries and with harps; but A'saph made a sound with cymbals;

6 Be-na'iah also and Ja-ha'zi-el the priests with trumpets continually before

the ark of the covenant of God. 7 Then on that day David delivered

first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of A'saph and his brethren. 8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among

the people.

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength,

seek his face continually.

12 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth:

13 O ye seed of Ĭş'rā-ĕl his servant. 28 Thus all Iş'rā-ĕl brought up the ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

14 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant: the word which he commanded to

a thousand generations:

16 Even of the covenant which he unto Isaac:

17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Iş'rā-ĕl for an

everlasting covenant.

18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Ca'naan, the lot of your inheritance:

19 When ye were but few, even a few,

and strangers in it.

20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from one kingdom to another people;

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes.

22 Saying, Touch not mine anointed,

and do my prophets no harm. 23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth:

show forth from day to day his salvation. 24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvelous works among all nations.

25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared

above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. 27 Glory and honor are in his presence;

strength and gladness are in his place. 28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory

and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and to bless his house. come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all

that is therein.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for ever.

35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us, from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

36 Blessed be the LORD God of made with Abraham, and of his oath Is'ra-el for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the

LORD.

37 I So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD A'saph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work reauired:

38 And O'běd-e'dom with their brethren. threescore and eight: O'bed-e'dom also the son of Je-du'thun and Hô'sah

to be porters:

39 And Zā'dŏk the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place that

was at Gib'e-on.

40 To offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering continually morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Is'rā-ĕl;

41 And with them He'man and Tedu'thun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy

endureth for ever;

42 And with them He'man and Tedu'thun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jē-dū'thun were porters.

43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned

CHAPTER 17

Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.

2 Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with

3 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Go and tell David my servant, Thus he is good; for his mercy endureth for saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me a house to dwell in:

5 For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Iş'rā-ĕl unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. 6 Wheresoever I have walked with all

Is'ra-čl, spake I a word to any of the judges of Iş'rā-ĕl, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedars?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people İş'rā-ĕl:

s And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the

o Also I will ordain a place for my people Is'ra-ël, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall he moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning,

10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Is'rā-ĕl. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee, that the LORD will build thee a house.

11 I And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 He shall build me a house, and I will

stablish his throne for ever.

13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee:

14 But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for ever-

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did

Nathan speak unto David.

16 Q And David the king came and sat before the LORD; and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

17 And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great

while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree. O LORD God.

18 What can David speak more to thee for the honor of thy servant? for thou

knowest thy servant.

19 O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

20 O LORD, there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with

our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Iş'rā-ĕi, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Is'ra-el didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.

23 Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said.

24 Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying. The LORD of hosts is the God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl, even a God to Ĭs'rā-ĕl: and let the house of David thy servant be established before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him a house: therefore thy servant hath found in his

heart to pray before thee.

26 And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

27 Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed

for ever.

CHAPTER 18

NOW after this it came to pass, that David smote the Phi-lis tines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philis'tines.

2 And he smote Mo'ab: and the Moab-ites became David's servants, and

brought gifts.

3 ¶ And David smote Hăd'ár-ē'zēr

king of Zō'bàh unto Hā'māth, as he went to stablish his dominion by the river

Eū-phrā'tēs.

4 And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them a hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Had'ar-e'zer king of Zō' bah, David slew of the Syrians two and

twenty thousand men.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syriadamascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Had'ar-ē'zēr, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Likewise from Tib'håth, and from Chun, cities of Häd'ar-ê'zêr, brought David very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

9 ¶ Now when Tổ'u king of Hā'mặth heard how David had smitten all the host of Hặd'ar-ē'zēr king of Zō'bah;

10 He sent Hà-dō'rām his son to king David, to inquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hād'ar-ē'zēr, and smitten him; (for Hād'ar-ē'zēr had war with Tō'u;) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.

11 ¶ Them also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he brought from all these nations; from E'dom, and from Mô'āb, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Phi-lis tines, and from Am'a-lēk.

12 Moreover, A-bish'ā-ī the son of Zer'u-ī'āh slew of the E'dom-ītes in the valley of salt eighteen thousand.

13 ¶ And he put garrisons in E'dom; and all the E'dom-ites became David's servants. Thus the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

14 ¶ So David reigned over all Iş-ra-ĕl, and executed judgment and jus-

tice among all his people.

15 And Jō'āb the son of Zĕr'u-ī'āh was over the host; and Jē-hosh'ā-phāt the

son of A-hī'lud, recorder;

16 And Zā'dōk the son of Ā-hi'tūb, and Ā-bim'ē-lēch the son of Ā-bi'ā-thār, were the priests; and Shāv'shā was scribe;

17 And Bē-nā'jāh the son of Jē-hôj'à-dà was over the Chèr'ē-thites and the Pēl'ē-thites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

CHAPTER 19

Now it came to pass after this, that Na'hash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead.

2 And David said, I will show kindness unto Hā'nun the son of Nā'hāsh, because his father showed kindness to me, And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hā'nun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hā'nun, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out

the land?

4 Wherefore Hā'nun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served; and he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jer'i-cho until your beards be

grown, and then return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hā'nun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mĕs'ō-pō-tā'mī-ā, and out of Sÿr'ī-ā-mā'ā-chāh, and out of Zō'bāh.

7 So they hired thirty and two thousand, chariots, and the king of Mā'á-châh and his people; who came and pitched before Měd'ē-bà. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle.

8 And when David heard of it, he sent Jô'āb, and all the host of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Jō'āb saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Iṣ'rā-ĕi,

and put them in array against the weigh a talent of gold, and there were

Syrians. 11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of A-bish'a-i his brother, and they set themselves in array against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people. and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do that which is good in his sight. 14 So Jo'ab and the people that were

with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. 15 And when the children of Ammon

saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before A-bish'ā-ī his brother, and entered into the city. Then like a weaver's beam. Jo'ab came to Jerusalem.

16 M And when the Syrians saw that

they were put to the worse before Is'rā-ĕl, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Sho'phach the captain of the host of Had'ar-e'zer went before them.

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Iş'rā-ĕl, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Is'rā-ĕl: and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Sho'phach the captain of the host.

19 And when the servants of Had'arë'zër saw that they were put to the worse before Is'ra-el, they made peace with may know it. David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAPTER 20

ND it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Jô'ab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Răb'bah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Jô'ab smote Răb'bah, and destroyed it.

precious stones in it: and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

3 And he brought out the people that were in it, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Terusalem.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Ge'zer with the Philis'tineş; at which time Sib'bē-chaî the Hū'shath-ite slew Sip'pai, that was of the children of the giant; and they were subdued.

5 And there was war again with the Phi-lis'tines; and El-hā'nān the son of Jā'ir slew Läh'mī the brother of Göli'ath the Git'tite, whose spear staff was

6 And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son of the giant.

7 But when he defied Iş'rā-ĕl, Jonathan the son of Shim'e-a David's brother

slew him.

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 21

AND Satan stood up against Ĭṣ'rā-ĕl, and provoked David to number

Īs'rā-ĕl.

2 And David said to Jo'ab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number İş'rā-ĕl from Be'er-she'ba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I

3 And Jo'ab answered, The LORD make his people a hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Iş'rā-ĕl?

4 Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Jo'ab. Wherefore Jo'ab departed, and went throughout all Îş'rā-ĕl, and came to Jerusalem.

5 ¶ And Jō'āb gave the sum of the Rab'bah, and destroyed it. number of the people unto David. And 2 And David took the crown of their all they of Iş'rā-el were a thousand king from off his head, and found it to thousand and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was

abominable to To'ab.

7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Îs'rā-ĕl.

8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9 I And the LORD spake unto Gad.

David's seer, saying

10 Go and tell David, saving, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I wheat. may do it unto thee.

unto him. Thus saith the LORD, Choose

thee

12 Either three years' famine: or three months to be destroyed before thy foes. while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Is'rā-ĕl. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

13 And David said unto Gad. I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD: for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the

hand of man.

14 ¶ So the LORD sent pestilence upon Is'ra-ël: and there fell of Is'ra-ël sev-

enty thousand men.

15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ôr'năn the Jĕb'ū-site.

16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Ierusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

I that commanded the people to be

and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house: but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 Of Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of

Ôr'năn the Tĕb'ū-sīte.

19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the

LORD.

20 And Or'nan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Or'nan was threshing

21 And as David came to Or'nan. Or's 11 So Gad came to David, and said nan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the

ground.

22 Then David said to Or'nan, Grant me the place of this threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people.

23 And Ör'năn said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes; lo, I give thee the oxen also for burnt offerings. and the threshing instruments for wood. and the wheat for the meat offering: I

give it all.

24 And king David said to Ôr'năn. Nav: but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

25 So David gave to Or'nan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by

weight.

26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.

27 And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again

into the sheath thereof.

28 T At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the 17 And David said unto God, Is it not threshingfloor of Or'nan the Jeb' ū-sīte, then he sacrificed there.

numbered? even I it is that have sinned 29 For the tabernacle of the LORD.

and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that season in the high place at

30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the

LORD.

CHAPTER 22

THEN David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Iş'ra-ël.

2 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Is'rā-el; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings; and brass in

abundance without weight;

4 Also cedar trees in abundance: for the Zī-dô'nĭ-ănş and they of Tyre brought

much cedar wood to David.

5 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the LORD must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 I Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build a house

for the LORD God of Is'rā-ël.

7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house unto the name of the LORD my God:

8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee. who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about; for his name shall be Solomon. and I will give peace and quietness unto

Is'rā-ĕl in his days.

10 He shall build a house for my name: and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over îş'rā-ĕl for ever.

11 Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the thousand.

which Moses made in the wilderness, house of the LORD thy God, as he hath

said of thee.

12 Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Is'rā-el, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Is'ra-ĕl: be strong, and of good courage: dread not.

nor be dismayed.

14 Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver: and of brass and iron without weight: for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.

15 Moreover, there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of

work.

16 Of the gold, the silver, and the brass. and the iron, there is no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

17 T David also commanded all the princes of Is'ra-ĕl to help Solomon his

son, saying.

18 Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.

19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

CHAPTER 23

CO when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Is'ra-ël.

2 ¶ And he gathered together all the princes of Is'ra-el, with the priests and

the Le'vites.

3 Now the Le'vites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls. man by man, was thirty and eight 4 Of which, twenty and four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand

were officers and judges:

5 Moreover four thousand were porters; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith. 6 And David divided them into courses.

6 And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, namely, Ger-

shon, Ko'hath, and Mē-ra'rī.
7 ¶ Of the Gēr'shon-ites were Lā'a-

dăn, and Shim'ē-ī. 8 The sons of Lā'à-dăn: the chief was

Jē-hī'ĕl, and Zē'thām, and Joel, three. 9 The sons of Shim'ē-i; Shē-lō'mith, and Hā'zi-ĕl, and Hā'rān, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Lā'ā-dān.

10 And the sons of Shim'ē-i were, Jā'hāth, Zi'na, and Jē'ush, and Bē-rī'ah.

These four were the sons of Shim'ē-ī.

11 And Jā'hāth was the chief, and Zi'-zāh the second: but Jē'ūsh and Bē-ri'āh had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to their father's house.

12 ¶ The sons of Kō'hặth; Ăm'rặm, Iz'här, Hē'bron, and Ŭz-zī'ĕl, four.

13 The sons of Am'ram; Aaron, and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.

14 Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe

of Levi.

15 The sons of Moses were, Ger'shom, and El'i-e'zer.

16 Of the sons of Ger'shom, She-bu'el

was the chief.

17 And the sons of El'i-e'zer were, Re'ha-bi'ah the chief. And El'i-e'zer had none other sons; but the sons of Re'ha-bi'ah were very many.

18 Of the sons of Iz'här; She-lo'mith

the chief.

19 Of the sons of Hē'bron; Jē-rī'ah the first, Am'ā-rī'ah the second, Jā-hā'zī-ēl the third, and Jēk'ā-mē'ām the fourth. 20 Of the sons of Üz-zī'ēl; Mī'cāh the first, and Jē-sī'ah the second.

21 The sons of Mē-rā'rī; Mäh'lī, and Mū'shī. The sons of Mäh'lī; Ěl'ē-ā'zàr.

and Kish.

22 And El'ē-ā'zar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them.

23 The sons of Mū'shī; Mäh'lī, and

E'der, and Jer'e-moth, three.

24 ¶ These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; even the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward.

25 For David said, The LORD God of Is'rā-ĕi hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem for

ever.

26 And also unto the Lē'vītes: they shall no *more* carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof, 27 For by the last words of David the Lē'vītes *were* numbered from twenty years old and above:

28 Because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the serv-

ice of the house of God;

29 Both for the showbread, and for the fine flour for meat offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and

30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at

even;

31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD:

32 And that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the Lorn.

CHAPTER 24

Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron. Na'dab and A-bi'hū, El'ē-ā'zar and Ith'a-mār.

2 But Nā'dāb and Ā-bī'hū died before their father, and had no children: therefore Ēl'ē-ā'zār and Ĭth'ā-mār executed the priest's office.

3 And David distributed them, both Zā'dök of the sons of El'ē-ā'zar, and A-him'ē-lech of the sons of Ith'a-mär,

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according to their offices in their service.

4 And there were more chief men found of the sons of El'e-a'zar than of the sons of Ith'a-mar; and thus were they divided. Among the sons of El'e-a'zar there were sixteen chief men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sons of Ith'a-mar according to the house of their fathers.

5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of El'ea'zar, and of the sons of Ith'a-mar.

6 And Shē-mā'jah the son of Nēthăn'e-el the scribe, one of the Le'vites. wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Za'dok the priest, and A-him'e-lech the son of A-bi'a-thar, and before the chief of the fathers of the priests and Le'vites: one principal household being taken for El'ē-ā'zar, and one taken for Ith'a-mär.

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehôi'à-rīb, the second to Jē-dā'iah.

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Sē-ō'rīm.

Mĭi'à-min.

to A-bī'iah.

11 The ninth to Jesh'ū-ah, the tenth to Shec'a-nī'ah,

12 The eleventh to E-li'a-shib, the twelfth to Jä'kim,

13 The thirteenth to Hup'pah, the fourteenth to Te-sheb'e-ab.

14 The fifteenth to Bil'gah, the sixteenth to Im'mer,

15 The seventeenth to He'zîr, the

eighteenth to Aph'sēş,

16 The nineteenth to Peth'a-hi'ah, the twentieth to Je-hez'e-kel,

17 The one and twentieth to Ta'chin. the two and twentieth to Ga'mul,

18 The three and twentieth to De-la' jah, the four and twentieth to Mā'azī'āh.

19 These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl had commanded him.

20 T And the rest of the sons of Levi were these: Of the sons of Am'ram; Shu'bā-ĕl: of the sons of Shu'bā-ĕl;

Teh-de'iah.

21 Concerning Re'ha-bi'ah: of the sons of Re/ha-bī'ah, the first was Is-shī'ah. 22 Of the Ĭz'här-ites: Shē-lô'mŏth: of

the sons of She-lo'moth; Ja'hath. 23 And the sons of Hebron; Je-ri'ah the first, Am'a-ri'ah the second, Jahā'zi-ĕl the third, Jĕk'a-mē'am the

fourth. 24 Of the sons of Uz-zī'el; Mī'chah: of the sons of Mī'chah; Shā'mīr.

25 The brother of Mi'chah was Is-shī'ah: of the sons of Is-shī'ah: Zĕch'à-rī'àh.

26 The sons of Mē-rā'rī were Mäh'lī

and Mū'shī: the sons of Jā'a-zī'ah; Bē'nō. 27 The sons of Mē-rā'rī by Jā'a-

zī'ah; Bē'nō, and Shō'ham, and Zac'cur, and Ib'rī.

28 Of Mäh'lī came El'ē-ā'zar, who had

no sons. 29 Concerning Kish; the son of Kish

was Jē-räh'mē-ĕl.

30 The sons also of Mū'shī; Mäh'li, and E'der, and Jer'i-moth. These were the sons of the Le'vites after the house

of their fathers.

31 These likewise cast lots over against 9 The fifth to Mal-chi'jah, the sixth to their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zā'dŏk, 10 The seventh to Hak'koz, the eighth and A-him'e-lech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Le'vites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

CHAPTER 25

MOREOVER David and the cap-tains of the host separated to the service of the sons of A'saph, and of Hē'man, and of Jē-dū'thun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service

2 Of the sons of A'saph; Zăc'cur, and Joseph, and Něth'à-nī'àh, and As'à-rêlah, the sons of A'saph under the hands of A'saph, which prophesied according

to the order of the king.

3 Of Jē-dū'thun: the sons of Jē-dū' thun; Ged'a-li'ah, and Ze'rī, and Jeshā'iàh, Hăsh'à-bi'àh, and Măt'tī-thī'àh, six, under the hands of their father Jē-dū'thŭn, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

4 Of Hē'măn: the sons of Hē'măn; Bŭk-ki'ah, Măt'ta-ni'ah, Üz-zī'el, Shē-bū'ěl, and Těr'i-moth, Hăn'à-nī'àh, Há-nā'nī, Ē-lī'à-tháh, Gid-dăl'tī, and Rōmăm'ti-ē'zēr, Jösh'bē-kā'shah. Măl'lōthi, Hö'thir, and Ma-ha'zi-oth:

5 All these were the sons of He'man the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to A'saph. Te-du'thun, and He'man.

7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, even all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore

and eight.

8 4 And they cast lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the

teacher as the scholar.

9 Now the first lot came forth for A'saph to Toseph: the second to Ged'ali'ah, who with his brethren and sons were twelve:

10 The third to Zăc'cur, he, his sons. and his brethren, were twelve:

11 The fourth to Iz'ri, he, his sons, and

his brethren, were twelve: 12 The fifth to Něth'à-nī'àh, he, his

sons, and his brethren, were twelve: 13 The sixth to Buk-ki'ah, he, his sons,

and his brethren, were twelve: 14 The seventh to Jesh'a-re'lah, he,

his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: 15 The eighth to Jē-shā'iah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:

16 The ninth to Mat'ta-ni'ah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: 17 The tenth to Shim'ē-ī, he, his sons.

and his brethren, were twelve:

18 The eleventh to A-zā'rē-ĕl, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:

19 The twelfth to Hash'a-bi'ah, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:

20 The thirteenth to Shu'bā-ĕl. he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: 21 The fourteenth to Mat'ti-thi'ah, he,

his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: 22 The fifteenth to Jer'e-moth, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:

23 The sixteenth to Hăn'à-nī'àh, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: 24 The seventeenth to Josh'be-kashah, he, his sons, and his brethren,

were twelve:

25 The eighteenth to Hà-nā'nī, he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:

26 The nineteenth to Măl'lo-thi, he. his sons, and his brethren, were twelve-

27 The twentieth to E-li'a-thab he, his sons, and his brethren, were

twelve:

28 The one and twentieth to Ho'thir. he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve:

29 The two and twentieth to Giddăl'ti, he, his sons, and his brethren.

were twelve:

30 The three and twentieth to Ma-hat zī-oth, he, his sons, and his brethren. were twelve:

31 The four and twentieth to Romăm'tĭ-ē'zēr, he, his sons, and his

brethren, were twelve.

CHAPTER 26

ONCERNING the divisions of the porters: Of the Kôr'hites was Meshel'e-mī'ah the son of Ko're, of the sons of A'saph.

2 And the sons of Me-shel'e-mi'ah were, Zech'a-rī'ah the firstborn, Jēdī'ā-el the second, Zeb'à-dī'àh the third,

Jäth'nĭ-ĕl the fourth,

3 E'lam the fifth, Je'ho-ha'nan the

sixth, E-li'o-e'na-i the seventh,

4 Moreover the sons of O'bed-e'dom were, Shē-mā'jāh the firstborn, Jēhoz'a-bad the second, Jo'ah the third, and Sā'car the fourth, and Nē-thăn'ē-ěl the fifth,

5 Am'mi-el the sixth, Is'sa-char the seventh. Pē-ŭl'thai the eighth: for God

blessed him.

6 Also unto Shē-mā'iah his son were sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they were mighty men of valor.

7 The sons of Shē-mā'iah; Ōth'nī, and Rē'phā-ĕl, and Ö'bĕd, Ěl-zā'băd, whose brethren were strong men. E-li'hū, and

Sĕm'à-chī'àh.

8 All these of the sons of O'běd-ē'dom: they and their sons and their brethren. able men for strength for the service, were threescore and two of O'bedē'dŏm.

9 And Mē-shĕl'ē-mī'āh had sons and

brethren, strong men, eighteen.

10 Also Hō'sah, of the children of Mē-rā'rī, had sons; Sīm'rī the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;)

11 Hil-ki'ah the second, Těb'a-li'ah the third, Zěch'á-rī'ah the fourth: all The Levites who were over the treasure

thirteen.

12 Among these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 ¶ And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate.

14 And the lot eastward fell to Shel'emī'ah. Then for Zech'a-rī'ah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his

lot came out northward. 15 To O'běd-e'dom southward; and to his sons the house of A-sup'pim.

16 To Shup'pim and Ho'sah the lot king. came forth westward, with the gate Shal'le-cheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward.

17 Eastward were six Le'vites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward A-sup'pim two and two.

18 At Pär'bär westward, four at the causeway, and two at Pär'bär.

10 These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Ko're, and among the sons of Mē-rā'ri.

20 M And of the Le vites, A-hi jah was over the treasures of the house of God. and over the treasures of the dedicated

21 As concerning the sons of La'a-dan; the sons of the Ger'shon-ite La'a-dan. chief fathers, even of La'a-dan the Gēr'shon-ite, were Jē-hi'ē-li. 22 The sons of Je-hi'e-li; Ze'tham, and

Toel his brother, which were over the treasures of the house of the LORD. 23 Of the Am'ram-îtes, and the Îz'har-

ites, the He'bron-ites, and the Uz-ziěl-ites:

24 And She-bū'el the son of Ger'shom. the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures.

25 And his brethren by El'ī-ē'zēr; Rēhá-bī'áh his son, and Tē-shā'iáh his son, and Jō'rām his son, and Zich'rī his son, and Shē-lō'mīth his son:

26 Which Shē-lō'mith and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated.

27 Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of

the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel the seer, and

the sons and brethren of Ho'sah were Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Jo'ab the son of Zer'u-i'ah, had dedicated; and whosoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of She-lo'mith, and of his brethren.

29 I Of the Iz'har-ites. Chen'a-ni'ah and his sons were for the outward business over Is'rā-ĕl, for officers and

judges.

30 And of the He'bron-ites, Hash'abi'ah and his brethren, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Is'ra-ĕl on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the

31 Among the He'bron-ites was Jerī'jāh the chief, even among the Hē' bron-ites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jā'zēr of Gil'ē-ad.

32 And his brethren, men of valor, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

CHAPTER 27

TOW the children of Iş'rā-ĕl after their number, to wit, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course were twenty and. four thousand.

2 Over the first course for the first month was Jà-shō'bē-ăm the son of Zăb'dĭ-ĕl: and in his course were

twenty and four thousand.

3 Of the children of Pē'rez was the chief of all the captains of the host for

the first month.

4 And over the course of the second month was Dō'daī an A-hō'hīte, and of his course was Mik'loth also the ruler: in his course likewise were twenty and four thousand.

5 The third captain of the host for the third month was Be-na'iah the son of Jē-hôi'à-dá, a chief priest: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. 6 This is that Be-na'iah, who was mighty among the thirty, and above the Gil'ē-ad, Id'do the son of Zeeh'a-rī'ah:

7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was As'a hel the brother of Jo'ab, and Zeb'a-di'ah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Sham'huth the Iz'ra-hite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was I'ra the son of Ik'kesh the Te-ko' ite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was He'lez the Pel'o-nite, of the children of E'phrā-im: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sib'be-cai the Hū'shath-ite, of the Zar'hites: and in his course were

twenty and four thousand.

12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was A'bi-e'zer the An'e-toth-ite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Ma-har'a-i the Ne-toph'athite, of the Zär'hites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand,

14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Be-na'iah the Pir'athon-ite, of the children of E'phra-im: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Hěl'da-i the Ne-toph'athite, of Oth'ni-el: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

16 ¶ Furthermore over the tribes of Is'ra-el: the ruler of the Reubenites was El'i-ē'zēr the son of Zich'ri: of the Sīm'ē-ŏn-ītes, Sheph'á-ti'ah the son of Mā'a-chah:

17 Of the Le'vites, Hăsh'à-bi'àh the son of Kem' ū-ël: of the Aar'on-ites, Zā'dök: 18 Of Judah, E-li'hū, one of the brethren of David: of Is'sa-char, Om'rī the son of Mī'chā-ĕl:

19 Of Zěb'ū-lŭn, Ĭsh-mā'jāh the son of O'bà-dī'ah; of Naph'tà-li, Jěr'i-moth

the son of Az'ri-ĕl:

20 Of the children of E'phra-im, Hoshē'a the son of Az'a-zī'ah: of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh, Joel the son of Pē-dā'iah:

thirty: and in his course was am-miz'abad his son.

411e-ad, 10'do the son of Abnerof Benjamin, Ja-ā'si-ēi the son of Abner270f Pan A-274-23 the son of the 22 Of Dan, A-za'rē-ĕl the son of Jē-

ro'ham. These were the princes of the

tribes of İş'rā-ĕl.

23 T But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Iş'rā-ĕl like to the stars of the heavens.

24 Jō'āb the son of Zĕr'u-ī'āh began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Is'ra-ĕl: neither was the number put in the account of the Chronicles of king David.

25 ¶ And over the king's treasures was Az-mā'věth the son of A'di-el: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jē-hon'a-than the son of Uz-zī'ah:

26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was

Ĕz'rī the son of Chē'lub:

27 And over the vineyards was Shim! ē-ī the Rā'măth-īte: over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zăb'dī the Shiph'mīte:

28 And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low plains was Bā'āl-hā'năn the Gē-dē'rīte: and over the cellars of oil was Jo'ash:

29 And over the herds that fed in Shăr'on was Shit'rai the Shăr'on-ite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shā'phǎt the son of Ad'lā-ī: 30 Over the camels also was O'bil the Ĭsh'mā-ĕl-īte: and over the asses was Jeh-de'iah the Me-ron'o-thite:

31 And over the flocks was Ja'ziz the Hā'gēr-īte. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's. 32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe: and Jē-hī'el the son of Hāch'mō-nī was

with the king's sons: 33 And A-hith'o-phel was the king's counselor: and Hū'shai the Ar'chite was

the king's companion:

34 And after A-hith'o-phel was Jehôi'à-dà the son of Bē-nā'iàh, and À-bī'à-thàr: and the general of the king's army was Jō'ăb.

CHAPTER 28

ND David assembled all the princes 21 Of the half tribe of Ma-nas'seh in and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house for my name, because

thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood.

4 Howbeit the LORD God of İş'rā-ël chose me before all the house of my father to be king over İş'rā-ël for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all İs'rā-ël:

5 And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over

Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as

at this day.

as mis day, and in the sight of all Is'rā-ël the congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

9 ¶ And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath

chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.

11 II Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlors thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat,

12 And the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God and of the treasuries of the dedi-

cated things:

13 Also for the courses of the priests and the Le'vites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the

house of the LORD.

14 He gave of gold by weight for things of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service; silver also for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of

every kind of service:

15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

16 And by weight he gave gold for the tables of showbread, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of

ailwan

17 Also pure gold for the fleshhooks, and the bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basins he gave gold by weight for every basin; and likewise silver by weight for every basin of silver:

18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this

pattern.

20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

21 And, behold, the courses of the

priests and the Le'vites, even they shall they offered willingly, because with perbe with thee for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee for all manner of workmanship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service: also the princes and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

CHAPTER 29

URTHERMORE David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for

man, but for the LORD God.

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have

prepared for the holy house.

4 Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of O'phir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay

the walls of the houses withal:

5 The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Is'ra-el, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work,

offered willingly,

7 And gave, for the service of the house of God, of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of

Je-hi'ěl the Ger'shon-ite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that LORD, and the king.

fect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God

of Iş'rā-ĕl our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine: thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honor come of thee. and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give

strength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

15 For we are strangers before thee. and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow.

and there is none abiding.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thine holy name cometh of thine

hand, and is all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Is'ra-el, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare

their heart unto thee:

19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.

20 T And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the Solomon asketh wisdom and knowledge

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto exceedingly in the sight of all Is'rā-ĕl. the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices

in abundance for all Is ra-el: 22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Za'dok to be priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Is'ra-el

obeyed him.

24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon the countries.

and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Is'rā-ĕl.

26 Thus David the son of Tesse

reigned over all Is'ra-ĕl.

27 And the time that he reigned over Īs'rā-ĕl was forty years; seven years reigned he in He'bron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and Solomon

his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer.

30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Is'rā-ĕl, and over all the kingdoms of

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE

CHRONICLES

CHAPTER 1

↑ND Solomon the son of David was A strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Solomon spake unto all Is'rā-ĕl. to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Is'ra-el, the chief of the

fathers.

3 So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gib'e-on; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God. which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kīr'jāth-jē'a-rīm to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Moreover the brazen altar, that Bezăl'ē-ĕl the son of Ū'rī, the son of Hûr, had made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD; and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

6 And Solomon went up thither to the

at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what

I shall give thee.

8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast showed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in be-fore this people: for who can judge this

thy people, that is so great?

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life: but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted brazen altar before the LORD, which was unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of seeing the heaven and heaven of heavthe kings have had that have been be- ens cannot contain him? who am I then. fore thee, neither shall there any after that I should build him a house, save thee have the like.

13 I Then Solomon came from his journey to the high place that was at Gib'e-on to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and

reigned over Is'rā-ĕl.

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

15 And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem as blenteous as stones, and cedar trees made he as the sycamore trees that are in the vale for

abundance.

16 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen varn at a

17 And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their

CHAPTER 2

AND Solomon determined to build a house for the name of the LORD, and a house for his kingdom.

2 And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hun-

dred to oversee them.

3 C And Solomon sent to Hū'răm the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

4 Behold. I build a house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual showbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Is'rā-ĕl.

5 And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods.

6 But who is able to build him a house,

only to burn sacrifice before him?

7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple. and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Terusalem, whom David my father did provide.

8 Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants,

9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to

build shall be wonderful great.

10 And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat. and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine. and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11 ¶ Then Hū'răm the king of Tỹre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over

them.

12 Hū'ram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD God of Is'ra-el, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build a house for the LORD, and a house for his kingdom.

13 And now I have sent a cunning man. endued with understanding, of Hū'răm

my father's.

14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto

his servants:

16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Top'pa; and thou shalt carry it up to

Jerusalem.

17 4 And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Is rā-ĕl, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them: and they were found a hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.

18 And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens. and fourscore thousand to be hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people

awork.

CHAPTER 3

HEN Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Mo-ri'ah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Or'nan the Jeb'uşīte.

2 And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth

year of his reign.

3 I Now these are the things wherein Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

of the house, the length of it was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was a hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house he ceiled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains.

6 And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Pär-vä'im.

7 He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and

graved cherubim on the walls.

8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the parts were inward.

upper chambers with gold.

10 And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work, and over-

laid them with gold.

11 ¶ And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And one wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the

other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

14 ¶ And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and

wrought cherubim thereon.

15 Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapiter that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

16 And he made chains, as in the oracle, and put them on the heads of the pillars; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains.

17 And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Ja'chin, 4 And the porch that was in the front and the name of that on the left Boaz.

CHAPTER 4

TOREOVER he made an altar of VI brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

3 And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast,

when it was cast.

4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder

5 And the thickness of it was a hand-

breadth, and the brim of it like the work

thousand baths.

6 II He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt offering they washed in them: but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and temple, were of gold.

five on the left.

8 He made also ten tables, and placed 8 He made also ten rapies, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made for the house of the Lord a hundred basins of gold.

9 ¶ Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and

doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

10 And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south.

11 And Hū'ram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hūrăm finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God:

12 To wit, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapiters which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which were on the top of month. the pillars;

13 And four hundred pomegranates on and the Le'vites took up the ark. the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which all the holy vessels that were in the

were upon the pillars.

14 He made also bases, and lavers Le'vites bring up.

made he upon the bases;

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it. 16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Hū'răm his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, of bright brass.

17 In the plain of Tordan did the king

Suc'coth and Zer'e-da'thah.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight wings over the place of the ark, and the of the brass could not be found out.

19 ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God. the the showbread was set:

20 Moreover the candlesticks with of the brim of a cup, with flowers of their lamps, that they should burn after lilies; and it received and held three the manner before the oracle, of pure gold:

> 21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that per-

fect gold;

22 And the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold: and the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and the doors of the house of the

CHAPTER 5

was finished: and Solomon brought in all the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Iş'rā-ĕl, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is

Zion.

3 Wherefore all the men of Is'ra-el assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh

4 And all the elders of Iş'rā-ĕl came:

5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and tabernacle, these did the priests and the

6 Also king Solomon, and all the con-gregation of Iş'rā-ĕl that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place. to the oracle of the house, into the most cast them, in the clay ground between holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim:

> 8 For the cherubim spread forth their cherubim covered the ark and the staves

thereof above.

9 And they drew out the staves of the golden altar also, and the tables whereon ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there

it is unto this day.

10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Ho'reb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, when they came out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by

course:

12 Also the Le'vites which were the singers, all of them of A'saph, of Hê'man, of Jē-dū'thun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar. and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

13 It came even to pass, as the trumneters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music. and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD:

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the

house of God.

CHAPTER 6

HEN said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the thick

darkness.

2 But I have built a house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for

3 And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Is rā-ĕl: and all the congregation of Işrā-ĕl stood.

4 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saving,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Is'ra-el to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Ĭş'rā-ĕl:

6 But I have chosen Jerusalem, that spoken unto thy servant David. my name might be there; and have

chosen David to be over my people

Īş'rā-ĕl.

7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl.

8 But the LORD said to David my father. Forasmuch as it was in thine heart to build a house for my name, thou didst well in that it was in thine heart:

9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the

house for my name.

10 The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I am risen up in the room of David my father. and am set on the throne of Is'ra-el, as the LORD promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Īs'rā-ĕl.

11 And in it have I put the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, that he made with the children of Is'rā-ĕl.

12 ¶ And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Is'ra-el, and spread forth

his hands:

13 For Solomon had made a brazen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Is'rā-ĕl, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,

14 And said, O LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and showest mercy unto the servants, that walk before thee with all their

hearts:

15 Thou which hast kept with the servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with

thine hand, as it is this day.

16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Ĭş'rā-ĕl, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Iş'rā-ĕl; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Is'ra-el. let thy word be verified, which thou hast

18 But will God in very deed dwell with

men on the earth? Behold, heaven and enemies besiege them in the cities of the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the

prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place.

21 Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Is'ra-el, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou

hearest, forgive.

22 If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before pray in this house;

thine altar in this house;

23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 ¶ And if thy people Iş'rā-ĕl be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in

this house;

25 Then hear thou from the heavens. and forgive the sin of thy people Iş'rā-ĕl, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

26 T When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them;

27 Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Iş'rā-ĕl, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

their land; whatsoever sore, or whatsoever sickness there be:

29 Then what prayer or what supplica-19 Have respect therefore to the prayer tion soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Is'ra-el, when every one shall know his own sore and his own cry and the prayer which thy servant grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:

30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the chil-

dren of men;)

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Iş'rā-el, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and

33 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Is'ra-ël, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

34 If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen. and the house which I have built for thy

name;

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and

maintain their cause.

36 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near:

37 Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt

wickedly;

38 If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land 28 If there be dearth in the land, if of their captivity, whither they have there be pestilence, if there be blasting carried them captives, and pray toward or mildew, locusts or caterpillars; if their their land, which thou gavest unto their hast chosen, and toward the house which

I have built for thy name:

39 Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee.

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee. thine eyes be open, and let thine ears he attent unto the prayer that is made in

this place.

41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God. into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies

of David thy servant.

CHAPTER 7

NOW when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's

house.

3 And when all the children of Is'rā-ĕl saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Le'vites also with instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all ľs'rā-ĕl stood.

7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt

fathers, and toward the city which thou offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 ¶ Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Isrā-ĕl with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Ha'math

unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the

feast seven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had showed unto David, and to Solomon. and to Iş'rā-ĕl his people.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own

house, he prosperously effected.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solo-

mon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to deyour the land, or if I send pestilence

among my people;

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is

made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked. and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my stat-

utes and my judgments:

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Is'rā-ĕl.

19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my offerings, and the fat of the peace statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and his captains, and captains of his chariots serve other gods, and worship them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land.

and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and

his own house,

2 That the cities which Hū'răm had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Is'ra-el to dwell there.

3 And Solomon went to Hā'māth-zō'

bah, and prevailed against it.

4 And he built Tad mor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hā'māth.

5 Also he built Beth'-ho'ron the upper. and Běth'-hô'ron the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars;

6 And Bā'al-ath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen. and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 ¶ As for all the people that were left of the Hit tites, and the Am'o-rites, and the Per'iz-zites, and the Hi'vites, and

Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

8 But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Iş'rā-ĕl consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

and horsemen.

10 And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 I And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pha'raoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Isrā-el, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

12 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before the

porch.

13 Even after a certain rate every day. offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Lë'vites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Le'vites concerning any matter, or

concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.

17 Then went Solomon to E'zi-ongē'bēr, and to E'loth, at the sea side in

the land of E'dom.

18 And Hū'rām sent him, by the hands of his servants, ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to O'phir. and took thence four hundred and fifty the Jeb'ü-sites, which were not of talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 9

ND when the queen of She'ba heard (1) of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at 9 But of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl did Jerusalem, with a very great company, Solomon make no servants for his work; and camels that bare spices, and gold in but they were men of war, and chief of abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she her heart.

2 And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

3 And when the queen of She'ba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the

house that he had built.

4 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel: his cupbearers also, and their apparel: and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

5 And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom:

6 Howbeit I believed not their words. until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard.

7 Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be king for the LORD thy God: because thy God loved Iş'rā-ĕl, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and iustice.

9 And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of She'ba gave king Solomon.

10 And the servants also of Hū'răm, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from O'phir, brought algum trees and precious stones.

11 And the king made of the algum trees terraces to the house of the LORD. and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of

Judah.

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Shē'bā all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

and threescore and six talents of gold; plains in abundance.

14 Besides that which chapmen and communed with him of all that was in merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 T And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one

target.

16 And three hundred shields made he of beaten gold: three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure

18 And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting place, and two lions standing by the stays:

19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in

any kingdom.

20 ¶ And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was not any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

21 For the king's ships went to Tär! shish with the servants of Hū'răm: every three years once came the ships of Tärshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and

apes, and peacocks.

22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 C And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

25 II And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Terusalem.

26 ¶ And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Phi-lis'tines, and to the border of Egypt.

27 And the king made silver in Jerusa-13 @ Now the weight of gold that came lem as stones, and cedar trees made he to Solomon in one year was six hundred as the sycamore trees that are in the low 28 And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Å-hi'jah the Shi'lonite, and in the visions of hi'do the seer against Jer'ō-bō'am the son of Nē'bắt?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem

over all Iş'rā-ĕl forty years.

31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rê'hō-bō'ām his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 10

AND Rē'hō-bō'ăm went to Shē'chem: for to Shē'chem were all Iş'rā-el

come to make him king.

2 And it came to pass, when Jer'ō-bō'ām the son of Nē'bāt, who was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jer'ō-bō'ām returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him. So The Both Solomon the king heard it, that Jer'ō-bō'ām returned out of Egypt.

Jer'o-bo'am and all Is'ra-el came and

spake to Re'hō-bō'am, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the peo-

ple departed.

6 ¶ And king Rē'hō-bō'ăm took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him.

9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that

thy father did put upon us?

10 And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou if

somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 So Jer'o-bo'am and all the people came to Re'ho-bo'am on the third day, as the king bade, saving, Come again

to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rē'hō-bō'ăm forsook

the counsel of the old men,

14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of A-hi'jah the Shi'lō-nite to Jĕr'ō-bō'am the son of

Ne'băt.

16 ¶ And when all Isrā-ĕi saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Isrā-ĕi: and now, David, see to thine own house. So all Isrā-ĕi went to their tents,

17 But as for the children of Is'rā-ēl that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rē'hō-

bo'am reigned over them.

18 Then king Rē'hō-bō'ām sent Hà-dō' răm that was over the tribute; and the children of Iş'rā-ēl stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rē'hōbō'ām made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Ierusalem.

chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 And Is'rā-ĕl rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

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CHAPTER 11

AND when Rē'hō-bō'ām was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Iş' rā-ēl, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rē'hō-bō'ām.

2 But the word of the LORD came to Shē-mā'jāh the man of God, saying, 3 Speak unto Rē'hō-bō'ăm the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Iştra-el in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house; for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jer'o-bo'am.

5 ¶ And Re'hō-bō'am dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in

Tudah.

6 He built even Beth-lehem, and E'tam.

and Tē-kō'à,

A-dŭl'lăm,

8 And Gath, and Ma-re'shah, and

A-zē'kah, 10 And Zō'rah, and Aj'a-lon, and He' bron, which are in Judah and in Benja-

min, fenced cities.

11 And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and store of victuals, and of oil and wine.

12 And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

13 I And the priests and the Le'vites that were in all Iş'rā-ĕl resorted to

him out of all their coasts.

14 For the Le'vites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jer'o-bo'am and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD:

15 And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for

the calves which he had made.

16 And after them, out of all the tribes of Is'ra-el, such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Is'ra-el came to Terusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Re'ho-bo'am the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of

David and Solomon.

18 ¶ And Rē'hō-bō'ăm took him Mā⁴ ha-lath the daughter of Jer'i-moth the son of David to wife, and Ab'i-hail the daughter of E-li'ab the son of Jesse;

19 Which bare him children: Je'ush. and Shem'a-ri'ah, and Za'ham.

20 And after her he took Mā'à-chàh

him A-bī'jàh, and At'tā-ī, and Zī'za, and Shē-lō'mǐth.

21 And Re'hō-bō'ăm loved Mā'à-chàh the daughter of Ab'sa-lom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.)

22 And Re hō-bō'am made A-bī'jah the son of Mā'a-chah the chief, to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to

make him king.

23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed 7 And Beth'-zûr', and Shō'cō, and of all his children throughout all the countries of Tudah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victuals in abundance. And he desired 9 And Ad'o-ra'im, and La'chish, and many wives.

CHAPTER 12

AND it came to pass, when Re'ho-bo'am had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Isrā-ĕl with him.

2 And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rē'hō-bō'am, Shī'shak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the

3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lu'bim, the Suk'ki-im, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fenced cities which bertained to Tudah, and came to Teru-

salem.

5 ¶ Then came Shë-mā'jāh the prophet to Re'ho-bo'am, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Terusalem because of Shi'shak, and said unto them. Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shi'shak.

6 Whereupon the princes of Is'rā-ĕl and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.

7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to She-ma'iah, saving, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Terusalem by the hand of Shi'shak.

8 Nevertheless they shall be his servthe daughter of Ab'sa-lom; which bare ants; that they may know my service,

Abijah maketh war against Jeroboam

and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

9 So Shi'shāk king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

10 Instead of which king Re'hō-bō'am made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the

king's house.

11 And when the king entered into the house of the Lord, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.

12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether; and

also in Judah things went well.

13 ¶ So king Re'hō-bō'am strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Re'hō-bō'am was one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Is'rā-ēl, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Nā'a-mah an Am mon-it'ess.

14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD. 15 Now the acts of Re'hō-bō'am, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shē-mā'jāh the prophet, and of Id'dō the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Re'hō-bō'am

and Jer'ô-bô'am continually.

16 And Rê'hô-bô'am slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of

David: and A-bi'jah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 13

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jěr'ō-bō'ăm began À-bī'jah to

reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Mi-chā'iāh the daughter of Ū'rī-ĕl of Gib'ē-āh. And there was war between Ā-bi'jāh and Jēr'ō-bō'ām.

3 And Å-bi'jah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen meni. Jero-bō'am also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valor.

4 ¶ And Å-bi'jäh stood up upon mount Zēm'á-rā'im, which is in mount Ē'phrāim, and said, Hear me, thou Jēr'ō-bō'ām, and all Īs'rā-ēl:

5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of İş'rā-ĕl gave the kingdom over İş'rā-ĕl to David for ever, even to him

and to his sons by a covenant of salt?
6 Yet Jer 6-bo am the son of Ne bat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Be'li-äl, and have strengthened themselves against Re'hōbō'ām the son of Solomon, when Re'hōbō'ām was young and tender-hearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multi-tude, and there are with you golden calves, which Jër'ö-bō'am made you for

gods.

9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the L& vites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Lêvites

wait upon their business:

11 And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the showbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Is a lift jet ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

13 ¶ But Jĕr'ō-bō'ām caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the

ambushment was behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, be-

chosen men, being mighty men of valor. hold, the battle was before and behind:

priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jerő-bő'am and all Ís'rā-ĕl before A-bi'jah and Judah.

16 And the children of Is'ra-el fied before Judah: and God delivered them

into their hand.

17 And A-bī'jah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Iş'rā-ĕl five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Is'ra-el were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they

relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And A-bī'jāh pursued after Jer'oho'am, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jesh'a-nah with the towns thereof, and E'phra-in with the towns thereof.

20 Neither did Jer'o-bo'am recover strength again in the days of A-bi'iah: and the LORD struck him, and he died. 21 @ But A-bi'jah waxed mighty, and

married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of A-bi'jah. and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Ĭďďō.

CHAPTER 14

CO A-bi'jah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and A'sa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And A'sa did that which was good and right in the eves of the LORD his God:

3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:

4 And commanded Tudah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the

law and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 C And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us forsake him, he will forsake you.

and they cried unto the LORD, and the build these cities, and make about them walls and towers, gates and bars, while the land is vet before us: because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

8 And A'sa had an army of men that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand: and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valor.

9 ¶ And there came out against them Ze'rah the Ethiopian with a host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Ma-re'shah.

10 Then A'sa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley

of Zeph'a-thah at Ma-re'shah. 11 And A'sa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before A'sa, and before Judah; and the

Ethiopians fled.

13 And A'sa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Ge'rar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Ge'rar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them; and they spoiled all the cities: for there was exceeding much

spoil in them.

15 They smote also the tents of cattle. and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 15

ND the Spirit of God came upon Az'a-rī'ah the son of Ö'děd:

2 And he went out to meet A'sa, and said unto him. Hear ye me, A'sa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye 3 Now for a long season Is'rā-ĕi hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, and sought him, he was found of them.

5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.

6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them

with all adversity.

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall

be rewarded.

8 And when A's heard these words, and the prophecy of O'ded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount E'phrāim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephra-im and Manas'seh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Istra-ël in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of

A'sà.

11 And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their

soul

13 That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with

trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

16 ¶ And also concerning Mā'à-chàh the mother of A'sà the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and A'sà cut Judah maketh a covenant to seek God

down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kid'ron.

17 But the high places were not taken away out of Iş'rā-ĕl: nevertheless the heart of A'sa was perfect all his days.

18 ¶ And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of

A'sa.

CHAPTER 16

IN the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Å'så, Bā'a-shā king of Ĩs̄s rā-ēl came up against Judah, and built Rā'māh, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Å'sā king of Judah.

2 Then A's brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben'-ha'dad king of Syria, that dwelt

at Damascus, saving,

3 There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Ba'a-sha king of Ig'rā-ēl, that he may depart from me.

4 And Běn'-hā'dăd hearkened unto king Ā'sā, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Îş'rā-ĕi; and they smote Î'jön, and Dan, and Ā'bĕi-mā'im, and all the store cities of Naph'.

tà-lī.

5 And it came to pass, when Bā'ā-shā heard it, that he left off building of Rā'

mah, and let his work cease.

6 Then A'sa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ra'mah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Ba'a-sha was building; and he built therewith Ge'ba and Miz'pah.

7 ¶ And at that time Hà-nā/nī the seer came to Ā'sā king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lorn thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine

hand.

8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lū'bim a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and

fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have

10 Then A'sa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And A'sa oppressed some of the

people the same time.

11 T And, behold, the acts of A'sa. first and last, lo. they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Is'ra-ël.

12 And A'sa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet. until his disease was exceeding great: vet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

13 C And A'sa slept with his fathers. and died in the one and fortieth year of

his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

CHAPTER 17

AND Jē-hosh'a-phāt his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened him-

self against Iş'rā-ĕl.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of E'phrā-im, which A'sa his father had taken.

3 And the LORD was with Te-hosh'aphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not

unto Bā'ā-līm:

4 But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Īs'rā-ĕl.

5 Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jē-hosh'a-phat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6 And his heart was lifted up in the

ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

7 If Also in the third year of his reign affinity with Ahab. he sent to his princes, even to Ben'hā'il, and to O'ba-dī'ah, and to Zeeh'a- to Ahab to Sa-mā'rī-a. And Ahab killed

rī'ah, and to Nē-thăn'ē-ĕl, and to Mī-

chā'iah, to teach in the cities of Judah. 8 And with them he sent Le'vites. even Shē-mā'iah, and Něth'a-nī'ah, and Zeb'a-di'ah, and Ās'a-hel, and She-mir'a-moth, and Je-hon'a-than, and Ad'o-ni'jah, and To-bi'jah, and Tob'ăd'ō-ni'iàh. Lē'vītes: and with them E'lish-à-må and Je-hô'răm, priests.

9 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10 T And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Tudah, so that they made no war against Jē-hosh'a-phat.

11 Also some of the Phi-lis'tines brought Jē-hosh'a-phat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

12 ¶ And Jē-hŏsh'á-phặt waxed great

exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.

13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Terusalem.

14 And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Tudah, the captains of thousands: Ad'nah the chief, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand.

15 And next to him was Je'hō-hā'năn the captain, and with him two hundred

and fourscore thousand.

16 And next him was Am'a-si'ah the son of Zich'ri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD: and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

17 And of Benjamin; E-li'a-da a mighty man of valor, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred

thousand.

18 And next him was Te-hoz'a-bad, and with him a hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

19 These waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

CHAPTER 18

NOW Jē-hosh'á-phặt had riches and honor in abundance, and joined

2 And after certain years he went down

sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to

Rā'mŏth-gil'ē-ăd.

3 And Ahab king of İş'rā-ĕl said unto Jē-hosh'a-phat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ra'moth-gil'e-ad? And he answered him. I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.

4 ¶ And Jē-hŏsh'a-phăt said unto the king of İş'rā-ĕl, Inquire, I pray thee, at

the word of the LORD to-day.

5 Therefore the king of Iş'rā-ĕl gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ra'moth-gil'e-ad to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.

6 But Jē-hosh'a-phat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that

we might inquire of him?

7 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl said unto Jē-hosh'a-phat, There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Mi-ca'iah the son of Im'la. And one spake saying after this manner, and Jē-hosh'a-phat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly

Mī-cā'iàh the son of Im'là.

9 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl and Jē-hŏsh'àphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Sa-ma'ri-a; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 10 And Zed'e-kī'ah the son of Chē-

nā'a-näh had made him horns of iron. and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they

be consumed.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ra'moth-gil'e-ad, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it

into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Mī-cā'jāh spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

13 And Mī-cā'iāh said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will

I speak.

the king said unto him, Mī-cā'iah, shall we go to Rā'moth-gil'ē-ad to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name

of the LORD?

16 Then he said, I did see all Is'rā-ēj scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

17 And the king of Iş'rā-ĕl said to Jēhosh'a-phat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but

evil?

18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Iş'rā-ĕl, that he may go up and fall at Rā'moth-gil'ē-ad? And another saying after that manner.

20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto

him, Wherewith?

21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the Lord said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalf also prevail; go out, and do even so.

22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath

spoken evil against thee.

23 Then Zĕď'ē-kī'àh the son of Chēnā'a-näh came near, and smote Mī-cā' iah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

24 And Mī-cā'iah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself, 25 Then the king of Ĭş'rā-ĕl said, Take

ye Mi-ca'iah, and carry him back to A'mon the governor of the city, and to Jo'ash the king's son; 26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put

this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water 14 And when he was come to the king, of affliction, until I return in peace.

27 And Mī-cā'jāh said, If thou certainly return in peace, then hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken. all ve people.

28 So the king of Ĭş'rā-ĕl and Jē-hŏsh'àphat the king of Judah went up to Ra-

moth-gil'e-ad

29 And the king of Is'rā-ĕl said unto Tē-hosh'a-phāt, I will disguise myself. and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Is'ra-el disguised himself; and they went to the hattle.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king

of Is'rā-ĕl.

31 And it came to pass, when the cap-tains of the chariots saw Je-hosh'a-phat, that they said, It is the king of Iş'rā-ĕl. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jē-hosh'a-phat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them to depart from him.

32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Iş'rā-ĕl, they turned

back again from pursuing him.

33 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Is'ra-el between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Is'ra-el stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the courageously, and the LORD shall be

sun going down he died.

CHAPTER 19

AND Jē-hosh'a-phat the king of Ju-dah returned to his house in peace

to Terusalem.

2 And Je'hū the son of Hà-na'nī the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jē-hosh'a-phat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

3 Nevertheless, there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

4 And Jē-hŏsh'a-phăt dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Be'er-she'ba to mount

E'phrā-im, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

5 I And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah,

city by city.

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in the iudement.

7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor

taking of gifts.

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehosh'a-phat set of the Le'vites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Is'ra-el, for the judgment of the LORD. and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saving, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faith-

fully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

11 And, behold, Am'a-ri'ah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD: and Zeb'a-di'ah the son of Ish' mā-ĕl, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal

with the good.

CHAPTER 20

TT came to pass after this also, that the children of Mo'ab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other besides the Ammonites, came against Te-hosh'a-

phat to battle.

2 Then there came some that told Jehosh'a-phat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they be in Haz'a-zon-ta'mar, which is En-ge'dī.

3 And Jē-hosh'a-phat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and pro-claimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came of the brook, before the wilderness of to seek the LORD.

5 Cl And Te-hosh'a-phat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers. art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to

withstand thee?

7 Art not thou our God. who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Iş'rā-ĕl, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy

name, saying,

9 If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Mö'ab and mount Se'ir, whom thou wouldest not let Is'ra-ĕl invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and

destroyed them not;

11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession. which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives,

and their children.

14 ¶ Then upon Jā-hā'zĭ-ĕl the son of Zech'a-rī'ah, the son of Be-na'iah, the watchtower in the wilderness, they son of Ie-i'el, the son of Măt'tâ-ni'ah, a Le'vite of the sons of A'saph, came the they were dead bodies fallen to the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the

congregation;

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jē-hosh'a-phat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but carry away: and they were three days in God's.

16 To-morrow go ye down against

Jē-ru'ēl. 17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you O Tudah and Ierusalem: fear not, nor he dismayed; to-morrow go out against them; for the LORD will be with you

18 And Te-hosh'a-phat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Indah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Le vites, of the children of the Ko'hath-ites, and of the children of the Kôr'hites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl with a loud voice

on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Te-ko'a: and as they went forth, Jehosh'a-phat stood and said, Hear me. O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ve be established; believe his prophets. so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for

his mercy endureth for ever.

22 I And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Mo'ab. and mount Se'ir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Mo'ab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Se'ir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Se'ir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the looked unto the multitude, and, behold,

earth, and none escaped.

25 Ånd when Jē-hosh'à-phät and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

26 W And on the fourth day they asthem: behold, they come up by the cliff sembled themselves in the valley of of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end Ber'a-chah; for there they blessed the

chah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Je-hosh'athat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto

the house of the LORD.

29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Iş'rā-ĕl.

30 So the realm of Je-hosh'a-phat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round

31 ¶ And Jē-hŏsh'á-phặt reigned over Judah: he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was A-zū'bah the daughter of Shil'hi.

32 And he walked in the way of A'sa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of

the LORD.

33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God

of their fathers. 34 Now the rest of the acts of Je-hosh' à-phặt, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Je'hū the son of Hà-nā'nī, who is mentioned in the book of the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl.

35 ¶ And after this did Je-hosh'a-phat king of Judah join himself with A hazi'ah king of İş'rā-ĕl, who did yery

wickedly:

36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tär'shish: and they

made the ships in É'zĭ-ŏn-gā'bēr. 37 Then Ěl'ī-ē'zēr the son of Dō'dāvah of Ma-re'shah prophesied against Jē-hosh'a-phat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with A'ha-zī'ah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the shins were broken, that they were not able to go to Tär'shish.

CHAPTER 21

NOW Je-hosh'a-phat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehō'răm his son reigned in his stead.

LORD: therefore the name of the same hosh'a-phat, Az'a-n'ah, and Je-hi'el, place was called. The valley of Ber'a- and Zech'a-n'ah, and Az'a-n'ah, and Mī'chā-ĕl, and Sheph'a-tī'ah: all these were the sons of Te-hosh'a-phat king of Îş'rā-ĕl.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jē-hō'rām;

because he was the firstborn.

4 Now when Jē-hō'rām was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Is'ra-ĕl.

5 I Të-hō'răm was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.

8 In his days the E'dom-ites revolted from under the dominion of Tudah, and made themselves a king.

9 Then Jë-hō'răm went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the E'dom-ites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots.

10 So the E'dom-ites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time also did Lib'nah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto.

12 ¶ And there came a writing to him from E-li'jah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Je-hosh'a-phat thy father, nor in the ways of A'sa king of Judah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which 2 And he had brethren the sons of Je- were better than thyself:

14 Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods:

15 And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day

by day.

16 M Moreover the LORD stirred up against Je-ho'ram the spirit of the Philis'tines, and of the Arabians, that were

near the Ethiopians:

17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives: so that there was never a son left him. save Te-ho'a-haz, the youngest of his

18 M And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable

disease.

19 And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not

in the sepulchres of the kings.

CHAPTER 22

AND the inhabitants of Jerusalem made A'hà-zī'āh his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So A'ha-zī'ah the son of Je-ho'ram king of Judah reigned.

2 Forty and two years old was A'hazī'ah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Ath'a-li'ah the

daughter of Om'ri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his

counselor to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counselors, after the death of his father, to his destruction.

5 ¶ He walked also after their coun-Ahab king of Is'ra-ël to war against into covenant with him.

Jehoram dieth. Ahaziah his son is slain Hăz'ā-ĕl king of Syria at Rā'möth-

gil'ē-ad: and the Syrians smote Jo'ram. 6 And he returned to be healed in Texre-el because of the wounds which were given him at Rā'mah, when he fought with Haz'a-el king of Syria. And Az'arī'ah the son of Jē-hō'ram king of Judah went down to see Jo-ho'ram the son of Ahab at Jez're-el, because he was sick.

7 And the destruction of A'ha-zi'ah was of God by coming to Jo'ram: for when he was come, he went out with Te. ho'ram against Je'hu the son of Nim! shi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut

off the house of Ahab.

8 And it came to pass, that, when Te'hū was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of A'ha. zī'āh, that ministered to A'hā-zī'āh, he

slew them.

9 And he sought A'ha-zī'ah; and they caught him, (for he was hid in Sa-ma! ri-a,) and brought him to Je'hū: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jē-hosh'a-phas, who sought the Lorn with all his heart. So the house of A'hazī'āh had no power to keep still the kingdom.

10 W But when Ath'a-li'ah the mother of A'ha-zi'ah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed

royal of the house of Judah.

11 But Je'hō-shab'ē-ath, the daughter of the king, took Jo'ash the son of A'ha-zī'ah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jē'hō-shab'ē-ath, the daughter of king Jē-hō'răm, the wife of Jē-hôi'à-dà the priest, (for she was the sister of A'hazī'āh,) hid him from Ath'ā-lī'āh, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Ath'à-li'ah

reigned over the land.

CHAPTER 23

▲ND in the seventh year Jē-hôi'à-dà A strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Az'a-rī'ah the son of Jē-rō'hām, and Ĭsh'mā-ĕl the son of Jē'hō-hā'nān, and Āz'a-rī'āh the son of O'běd, and Mā'à-sē'jàh the son of A-dãsel, and went with Te-ho'ram the son of iah, and E-lish'a-phat the son of Zich'ra.

2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Le'vites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Is'rā-ĕl, and they came to Jerusalem.

3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath

said of the sons of David.

4 This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Le'vites.

shall be porters of the doors: 5 And a third part shall be at the king's

house: and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD. 6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Le'vites; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 And the Le'vites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth

8 So the Le'vites and all Judah did according to all things that Je-hôr'a-da the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Je-hoi'a-da the priest dismissed not the courses.

9 Moreover Jē-hôi'à-dà the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in

the house of God.

10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

11 Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jē-hôi'a-da and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

12 C Now when Ath'a-li'ah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

13 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering

in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets. also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Ath'a-li'ah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, treason.

14 Then Je-hor'a-da the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not

in the house of the LORD.

15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

16 ¶ And Jē-hôi'à-dà made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the Lord's people.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Ba'al, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Măt'tăn the priest of

Bā'āl before the altars.

18 Also Jē-hoi'a-da appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Le'vites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David.

19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should

enter in.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Ath'a-li'ah with the

sword.

CHAPTER 24

TÖ'ÄSH was seven vears old when he J began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zib'ī-ah of Bē'ēr-shē'ba.

2 And Jo'ash did that which was right

in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jē-hôi'à-dà the priest.

3 And Jē-hôi'a-da took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 I And it came to pass after this, that Jo'ash was minded to repair the house

of the LORD.

· 5 And he gathered together the priests and the Le vites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Is'ra-el money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the

Lē'vītes hastened it not.

6 And the king called for Je-hôi'à-dà the chief, and said unto him. Why hast thou not required of the Le'vites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Is'rā-ĕl, for the tabernacle of witness? 7 For the sons of Ath'a-li'ah, that

wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they be-

stow upon Bā'a-lim.

8 And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the

gate of the house of the LORD. 9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Is'ra-el in

the wilderness. 10 And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into

the chest, until they had made an end. 11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Le'vites. and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Je-hôr'à-dà gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the

house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they strengthened it.

14 And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Je-hoi'a-da, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD. even vessels to minister, and to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Je-hoi'a-da.

15 C But Te-hol'a-da waxed old, and was full of days when he died: a hundred and thirty years old was he when

he died.

16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Is'ra-el, both toward God. and toward his house.

17 Now after the death of Je-hôr'a-da came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king

hearkened unto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they

would not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zěch'à-rī'àh the son of Jē-hôi'à-dà the priest, which stood above the people. and said unto them. Thus saith God. Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

21 And they conspired against him. and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the

house of the LORD.

22 Thus Jo'ash the king remembered not the kindness which Je-hoi'a-da his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it.

23 I And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus

24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the set the house of God in his state, and LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken

the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against lo'ash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases.) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Je-hôi'a-da the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

26 And these are they that conspired against him; Zā'bād the son of Shīm'ēath an Am'mon-it'ess, and Je-hoz'a-

bad the son of Shim'rith a Mo'ab-it'ess. 27 ¶ Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the book of the kings. And Am'a-zī'ah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 25

ĂM'A-ZI'AH was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Te'hō-ăd'dăn of Jerusalem.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a per-

fect heart.

3 @ Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king

his father.

4 But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded. saving. The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

5 @ Moreover Am'a-zi'ah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

6 He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of Iş'rā-ĕl for

a hundred talents of silver.

7 But there came a man of God to him. saying, O king, let not the army of counsel. Is ra-el go with thee; for the LORD is

not with Is'rā-ĕl, to wit, with all the children of E'phrā-ĭm.

8 But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power

to help, and to cast down.

9 And Am'a-zi'ah said to the man of God. But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Is'ra-el? And the man of God answered. The LORD is able to give thee much more than this.

10 Then Am'a-zī'ah separated them. to wit, the army that was come to him out of E'phrā-im, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

11 Q And Am'a-zī'ah strengthened

himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Se'ir ten thousand.

12 And other ten thousand left alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were

broken in pieces.

13 ¶ But the soldiers of the army which Am'a-zi'ah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Sá-mā' rī-a even unto Běth'-hō'rŏn, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

14 C Now it came to pass, after that Am'à-zī'àh was come from the slaughter of the E'dom-ites, that he brought the gods of the children of Se'ir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.

15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Am'à-zī'ah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him. Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbare, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my

17 Then Am'a-zī'ah king of Judah

Amaziah slain. Uzziah king of Judeh took advice, and sent to Jo'ash, the son and buried him with his fathers in the

of Je-ho'a-haz, the son of Je'hu, king of city of Judah. Is'rā-ĕl, saving, Come, let us see one another in the face.

18 And Jō'ash king of Ĭs'rā-ĕl sent to Åm'a-zī'ah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saving, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the E'dom-ites; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle to thine hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou,

and Judah with thee?

20 But Am'a-zī'ah would not hear: for it came of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they sought after the gods of E'dom.

21 So Jō'ash the king of Is'rā-ĕl went up; and they saw one another in the face, both he and Am'a-zī'ah king of Judah, at Běth'-shē'měsh, which belongeth to Judah.

22 And Judah was put to the worse before Is'ra-ël, and they fled every man to

his tent.

23 And Jö'äsh the king of İş'rā-ĕl took Am'a-zi'ah king of Judah, the son of To'ash, the son of Je-ho'a-haz, at Beth'she'mesh, and brought him to Terusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of E'phra-im to the corner gate, four hundred cubits,

24 And he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with O'bed-e'dom. and the treasures of the king's house. the hostages also, and returned to

Sà-mā'rĭ-à.

25 T And Am'a-zī'ah the son of Tō'ash king of Judah lived after the death of Jo'ash son of Je-ho'a-haz king of Isrā-ĕl fifteen years.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Am'àzī'ah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah

and Is'ra-ĕl?

27 ¶ Now after the time that Am'azi'ah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to La'chish after him, and slew him there.

CHAPTER 26

THEN all the people of Judah took Uz-zī'ah, who was sixteen year old, and made him king in the room of his father Am'a-zī'ah.

2 He built E'loth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his

fathers.

3 Sixteen years old was Uz-zī'ah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifth and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jec'o-li'ah d Terusalem.

4 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Am'a-zī'ah did.

5 And he sought God in the days of Zech'a-rī'ah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

6 And he went forth and warred against the Phi-lis'tines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jab'neh and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philis'tines.

7 And God helped him against the Phi-lis'tines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gûr'-ba'al, and the Ma-

hū'nim.

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uz-zī'ah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

9 Moreover Uz-zi'ah built towers in Terusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the

wall, and fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert. and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains; husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carměl: for he loved husbandry.

11 Moreover Uz-zī'ah had a host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Je-i'el the scribe and Mā'a-sē'jah the ruler, under the

hand of Han'a-ni'ah, one of the king's captains.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valor 28 And they brought him upon horses, were two thousand and six hundred.

13 And under their hand was an army. three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 And Uz-zi'ah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons. and bows, and slings to cast stones.

15 And he made in Jerusalem engines. invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his marvelously helped, till he was strong. 16 4 But when he was strong, his

heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

17 And Az'a-rī'ah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valignt men:

18 And they withstood Uz-zī'ah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uz-zī'ah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honor from the LORD God.

10 Then Uz-zī'ah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD.

from beside the incense altar.

20 And Az'a-rī'ah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; vea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.

21 And Uz-zī'āh the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jo'tham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 Q Now the rest of the acts of Uzzī'ah, first and last, did Ī-ṣā'iah the prophet, the son of Ā'moz, write.

23 So Uz-zī'āh slept with his fathers. and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jo'tham his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 27

TÖ'THĂM was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Je-ru'shah, the daughter of Zā'dŏk.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uz-zi'ah did; howbeit he

entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly. 3 He built the high gate of the house of

name spread far abroad; for he was the LORD, and on the wall of O'phel he built much.

4 Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he

built castles and towers.

5 THe fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third.

6 So To'tham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD

his God.

7 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jō² tham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they gre written in the book of the kings of Iş'rā-el and Judah.

8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned six-

teen years in Terusalem.

9 ¶ And Jö'thäm slept with his fathers. and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 28

AHAZ was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father:

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Iş'rā-ĕl, and made also molten

images for Bā'à-lim.

3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hin'nom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Is'ra-ël.

4 He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and

under every green tree.

5 Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria: and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Iş'rā-ĕl, who smote him with a great slaughter.

6 T For Pë'käh the son of Rëm'àli'ah slew in Judah a hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 And Zich'ri, a mighty man of E'phräim, slew Mā'a-sē'iah the king's son, and Az'rī-kām the governor of the house, and El-ka'nah that was next to the king.

8 And the children of Is'rā-ĕl carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much to Sa-mā'rĭ-a.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was O'ded: and he went out before the host that came to Sa-ma'rī-a, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven.

the children of Judah and Jerusalem for but are there not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God? 11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver

the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.

12 Then certain of the heads of the children of E'phrā-im, Az'à-rī'ah the son of Jō-hā'năn, Bĕr'ē-chī'ah the son of Mē-shīl'lē-moth, and Jē'hīz-kī'ah the son of Shal'lum, and Am'a-sa the son of Had'lai, stood up against them that came from the war.

13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD already, ye intend to add more to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Iş'rā-ĕl.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all

the congregation.

15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives. and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them. and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jer'i-cho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Sa-mā'rī-a.

16 C At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help

17 For again the E'dom-ites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives.

18 The Phi-lis'tines also had invaded the cities of the low country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Běth-shē'měsh, and Aj'á-lon, and Gē-dē'roth, and Shō'chō with the villages thereof. spoil from them, and brought the spoil and Tim'nah with the villages thereof. Gim'zo also and the villages there-

of: and they dwelt there. 19 For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Iş'rā-ĕl; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed

sore against the LORD. 20 And Til'gath-pil-ne'ser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed

him, but strengthened him not. 21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of 10 And now we purpose to keep under the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes. bondmen and bondwomen unto you: and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

22 ¶ And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the

LORD: this is that king Ahaz.

23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Is'rā-ĕl.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God. and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him alters in every corner of Terusalem.

25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

26 I Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of

Judah and Iş'rā-ĕl.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Is'rā-ēl: and Hez'ē-kī'āh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 29

HEZE-KI'AH began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was A-bi'jäh, the daughter of Zech'arī'āh.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all

that David his father had done.

3 @ He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them. 4 And he brought in the priests and the Le'vites, and gathered them together

into the east street, 5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Le'vites; sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of

your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs.

7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto

the God of Is ra-ël.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Is'ra-el. that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye altar of the LORD. should minister unto him, and burn incense.

12 Then the Le'vites arose, Ma' hath the son of A-mas'a-i, and Toel the son of Az'a-rī'ah, of the sons of the Kō' hăth-îtes: and of the sons of Mē-rā'rī; Kish the son of Ab'dī, and Az'a-rī'ah the son of Je-hal'e-lel: and of the Ger'shonites: Jo'ah the son of Zim'mah, and E'den the son of Jo'ah:

13 And of the sons of El'i-zā'phăn: Shim'ri, and Je-i'el: and of the sons of A'saph: Zech'à-rī'àh, and Măt'tà-nī'àh: 14 And of the sons of He'man; Jehī'ĕl, and Shīm'ē-ī: and of the sons of

Jē-dū'thun; Shē-mā'iah, and Ūz-zī'ĕl. 15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to

cleanse the house of the LORD.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Le'vites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kĭďrŏn.

17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days: and in the sixteenth day of the first

month they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hez'e-kī'ah the king, and said. We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the showbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are

before the altar of the LORD.

20 ¶ Then Hĕz'ē-kī'āh the king rose 9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

> 21 And they brought seven bullocks. and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23 And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their

hands upon them:

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Is'ra-ĕl: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Īs'rā-ĕl.

25 And he set the Le'vites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the

LORD by his prophets.

26 And the Le'vites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with

the trumpets.

27 And Hez'e-ki'ah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Iş'rā-ĕl.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves,

and worshipped.

30 Moreover Hez'e-kī'ah the king and the princes commanded the Le'vites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of A'saph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hez'e-ki'ah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart, burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand

sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Let vites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Le'vites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

35 And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. 36 And Hez'e-ki'ah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly,

CHAPTER 30

AND Hez'e-ki'ah sent to all İş'rā-el A and Judah, and wrote letters also to E'phrā-im and Ma-nas'sēh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl.

2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Terusalem, to keep the passover in the

second month.

3 For they could not keep it at that time. because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

4 And the thing pleased the king and

all the congregation.

5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Is'rā-ĕl, from Bë'ër-shë'bà even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Is'ra-ël at Terusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Is'ra-el and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of İş'rā-ĕl, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Is'rā-el, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and

who therefore gave them up to desola-

tion, as ve see.

8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary which he hath sanctified for ever; and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

9 For if ve turn again unto the LORD. wour brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come

again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye

return unto him.

10 So the posts passed from city to city, through the country of E'phra-im and Ma-nas'seh, even unto Zeb'ū-lun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless, divers of Ash'er and Ma-năs'sĕh and of Zĕb'ū-lun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

13 C And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month,

a very great congregation.

14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away. and cast them into the brook Kid'ron.

15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Le'vites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Le'vites.

17 For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Le'vites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the LORD.

like your brethren, which trespassed Is'sa-char and Zeb'ū-lun. had not against the LORD God of their fathers, cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hez'e-ki'ah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one

19 That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the

purification of the sanctuary. 20 And the LORD hearkened to Hez'e-

kī'ah, and healed the people.

21 And the children of Is'ra-el that were present at Terusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Le'vites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.

22 And Hěz'ē-kî'āh spake comfortably unto all the Le'vites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD; and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness.

24 For Hez'e-ki'ah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25 And all the congregation of Judah. with the priests and the Le'vites, and all the congregation that came out of Is'rā-ĕl, and the strangers that came out of the land of Is'ra-el, and that dwelt in

Tudah, rejoiced.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Is'rā-ĕl there was not the like in Jerusalem.

27 Then the priests the Lê'vîtes arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

CHAPTER 31

NOW when all this was finished, all Iş'rā-ĕl that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the 18 For a multitude of the people, even images in pieces, and cut down the many of E'phrā-jm and Mà-nās'sĕh, groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in E'phrā-ĭm also and Ma-năsseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Īş'rā-ĕl returned, every man to his pos-

session, into their own cities.

2 ¶ And Hĕz'ē-kī'āh appointed the courses of the priests and the Le'vites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Le'vites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

3 He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the LORD.

4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Terusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Le'vites, that they might be encouraged in the

law of the LORD.

5 C And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Is'ra-el brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

6 And concerning the children of to their courses; Iş'rā-ĕl and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid them by heaps.

7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month.

8 And when Hez'e-kī'ah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

9 Then Hez'e-ki'ah questioned with the priests and the Le'vites concerning

the heaps.

10 And Az'a-ri'ah the chief priest of the house of Zā'dŏk answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

11 ¶ Then Hez'e-ki'ah commanded heart, and prospered.

to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared them,

12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Con'o-ni'ah the Le' vite was ruler, and Shim'e-i his brother

was the next.

13 And Je-hi'el, and Az'à-zi'ah, and Na'hath, and As'a-hel, and Ter'i-moth. and Joz'a-bad, and E'lī-ĕl, and Is'machī'ah, and Mā'hath, and Bē-nā'jah, were overseers under the hand of Conō-nī'ah and Shim'ē-ī his brother, at the commandment of Hez'e-kī'ah the king, and Az'a-ri'ah the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Ko're the son of Im'nah the Le'vite, the porter toward the east, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and

the most holy things.

15 And next him were E'den, and Min'ia-min, and Jesh'ū-a, and Shemā'jāh, Am'ā-rī'āh, and Shec'à-nī'āh, in the cities of the priests, in their set office, to give to their brethren by courses. as well to the great as to the small:

16 Besides their genealogy of males. from three years old and upward, even unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according

17 Both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Le'vites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;

18 And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons. and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness:

19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Lē'vītes.

20 And thus did Hez'e-kī'ah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth be-

fore the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his

CHAPTER 32

AFTER these things, and the estab-A lishment thereof, Sen-nach'er-ib king of Assyria came, and entered into Tudah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

2 And when Hez'e-ki'ah saw that Sennăch'er-ib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem.

3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the

city: and they did help him. 4 So there was gathered much people

together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? 5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Mil'lo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.

6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,

7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him.

8 With him is an arm of flesh: but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of

Hěz'ē-ki'āh king of Judah. 9 ¶ After this did Sĕn-năeh'ēr-ĭb king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against La'chish, and all his power with him,) unto Hěz'ē-kī'ah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem,

saying, 10 Thus saith Sen-nach'er-ib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Terusalem?

11 Doth not Hez'e-kī'ah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Hath not the same Hez/e-kī'ah

salem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

13 Know ve not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand? 15 Now therefore let not Hez'e-ki'ah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

16 And his servants spake yet more against the LORD God, and against his

servant Hěz'ē-kī'ah.

17 He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, and to speak against him, saving. As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hez'e-ki'ah deliver his people out of mine hand.

18 Then they cried with a loud voice. in the Jews' speech, unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that

they might take the city.

19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, which were the work of the hands of man.

20 And for this cause Hez'e-ki'ah the king, and the prophet I-sa'iah the son of A'moz, prayed and cried to heaven.

21 ¶ And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

22 Thus the LORD saved Hez'e-ki'ah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sen-nach'er-ib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

23 And many brought gifts unto the taken away his high places and his LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to altars, and commanded Judah and Jeru- Hez'e-ki'ah king of Judah: so that he

was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 ¶ In those days Hěz'ē-kī'ah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.

25 But Hez'e-kī'ah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon

Judah and Jerusalem.

26 Notwithstanding, Hěz'ē-kī'ah humbled himself for the pride of his heart. both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hĕz'ē-kī'āh.

27 Of And Hez'e-ki'ah had exceeding much riches and honor: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all man-

ner of pleasant jewels:

28 Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks.

29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him sub-

stance very much.

30 This same Hez'e-kī'ah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gi'hon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hez'e-kī'ah

prospered in all his works.

31 T Howbeit, in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Hez'ekī'āh, and his goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of I-şā'iah the prophet, the son of A'moz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Iş'rā-ĕl.

33 And Hez'e-ki'ah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. And Ma-nas'seh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 33

NA-NAS'SEH was twelve years old his fathers. When he began to reign, and he

2 But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of

Îs'rā-ĕl.

3 I For he built again the high places which Hez'e-ki'ah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Ba'alim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said. In Terusalem shall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of

the LORD.

6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hin'nom; also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Is'ra-el, will I put my

name for ever:

8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Is'ra-el from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

9 So Ma-nas'seh made Tudah and the inhabitants of Terusalem to err. and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children

of Is'rā-ĕl.

10 And the LORD spake to Ma-nas'seh. and to his people: but they would not

hearken.

11 T Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manas'seh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of

13 And prayed unto him: and he was reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: entreated of him, and heard his suppli-

salem into his kingdom. Then Ma-nas' made Jō-si'ah his son king in his stead. seh knew that the LORD he was God.

14 Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gi'hon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about O'phel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15 And he took away the strange gods. and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the seek after the God of David his father: LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them

out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Is'ra-ĕl.

17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the

LORD their God only.

18 C Now the rest of the acts of Manăs'seh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Is'ra-el.

19 His prayer also, and how God was entreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

20 C So Ma-nas'seh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and A'mon his son reigned in his

stead.

21 Cl A'mon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned

two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Ma-nas'seh his father: for A'mon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Ma-nasseh his father had made, and served them:

23 And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Ma-nas'seh his father had humbled himself; but A'mon trespassed

more and more.

24 And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.

all them that had conspired against the workmen that wrought in the house

cation, and brought him again to Jeru- king A'mon; and the people of the land

CHAPTER 34

[Õ-SĪ'ÀH was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in

Terusalem one and thirty years. 2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the

ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left. 3 I For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was vet young, he began to

and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. 4 And they brake down the altars of

Bā'a-lim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them. he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah

and Terusalem.

6 And so did he in the cities of Manăs'sĕh, and E'phrā-im, and Simeon, even unto Năph'tà-lī, with their mattocks round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Is'rā-ĕl, he returned to Jerusalem.

8 T Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Sha'phan the son of Az'a-li'ah, and Mā'a-sē'lah the governor of the city, and Jō'ah the son of Jō'a-haz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 And when they came to Hil-ki'ah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God. which the Le'vites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Ma-nas'seh and E'phrā-im, and of all the remnant of Iş'rā-ĕl, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Terusalem.

10 And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the 25 T But the people of the land slew house of the LORD, and they gave it to of the LORD, to repair and amend the house:

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jā'hāth and Ö'bà-d'āh, the Lê'vītes, of the sons of Mē-rā'rī; and Zēch'à-rī'āh and Mā-shū'lām, of the sons of the Kō'hāth-ītes, to set it forward; and other of the Lê'vītes. all that could skill of instruments

of music.

13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Le'vites there were scribes, and officers, and porters,

14 ¶ And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hil-ki'ah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD given by

Moses.

15 And Hīl-kī'áh answered and said to Shā'phān the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hīl-kī'áh delivered the book to Shā'phān.

16 And Shā'phān carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it.

17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the Lord, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.

18 Then Shā'phān the scribe told the king, saying, Hīl-kī'ah the priest hath given me a book. And Shā'phān read it

before the king.

19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he

rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hil-ki'áh, and Å-hi'kăm the son of Shā'phān, and Ab'dön the son of Mi'cah, and Shā' phān the scribe, and Å-sā'jāh a servant

of the king's, saying,

21 Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Iş'rā-ēl and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

22 And Hil-ki'ah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shal'lim the son of Tik'vath, the son of Has'rah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they spake to her to that effect.

23 ¶ And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, Tell ve

the man that sent you to me,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah:

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Is'rā-ël concerning the words

which thou hast heard;

27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

29 I Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and

Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up into the house of the Lond, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Le'vites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and

with all his soul, to perform the words of ings two thousand and six hundred

book.

32 And he caused all that were present in Terusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Jō-sī'ah took away all the ahominations out of all the countries that bertained to the children of Is'ra-el. and made all that were present in Is'ra-ĕl to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

CHAPTER 35

rOREOVER, Jo-si'áh kept a pass-IVI over unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD.

3 And said unto the Le'vites that taught all Is'rā-ĕl, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Is'rā-ĕl did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Ĭs'rā-ĕl,

4 And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Iş'rā-ĕl, and according to the writing of Solomon his son:

5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and after the division of the families of the

6 So kill the passover, and sanctify vourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

7 And Jō-si'ah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present. to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of seven days. the king's substance.

the people, to the priests, and to the Samuel the prophet; neither did all the Lē'yītes: Hîl-kī'āh and Zĕch'ā-rī'āh and kings of Ĭş'rā-ĕl keep such a passover

the covenant which are written in this small cattle, and three hundred oxen. 9 Cŏn'à-nī'àh also, and Shē-mā'iàh and Ne-than'e-el, his brethren, and Hāsh'a-bī'ah and Tē-ī'ĕl and Toz'a-bād. chief of the Lē'vītes, gave unto the Lē'vītes for passover offerings five thou-

sand small cattle, and five hundred 10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the

Le'vites in their courses, according to

the king's commandment. 11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Le'vites flaved

them. 12 And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so

did they with the oxen.

13 And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the other holy offerings sod they in pots. and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the people.

14 And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Le-vites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

15 And the singers the sons of A'saph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and A'saph, and Hê'man, and Jê-dū'thun the king's seer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service: for their brethren the Lë'vites prepared for them.

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Jo-si'ah.

17 And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread

18 And there was no passover like to 8 And his princes gave willingly unto that kept in Is'ra-el from the days of Jē-hī'ĕi, rulers of the house of God, gave as Jō-sī'āh kept, and the priests, and unto the priests for the passover offer- the Lē'vītes, and all Judah and Iṣ'rā-ĕl that were present, and the inhabitants in a hundred talents of silver and a of Terusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Io-si'ah was this passover kept.

20 ¶ After all this, when Jō-sī'ah had prepared the temple, Ne'cho king of Egypt came up to fight against Car'chemish by Eŭ-phrā'tēs: and Tō-sī'ah went

out against him.

21 But he sent ambassadors to him. saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with

me, that he destroy thee not.

22 Nevertheless Jo-sī'ah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Në'chō from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Me-gid'do. 23 And the archers shot at king Jo-

sī'āh; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded.

24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in *one of* the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for To-sī'ah.

25 ¶ And Jeremiah lamented for Jō-sī'ah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Jö-sī'āh in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Is'ra-el: and, behold, they are written in the lamenta-

26 Now the rest of the acts of Jo-sī'ah, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of the LORD.

27 And his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl and Judah.

CHAPTER 36

THEN the people of the father's stead in HEN the people of the land took made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.

2 Jē-hō'á-hăz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. 3 And the king of Egypt put him down

Josiah slain. The reign of Jehoiakim

talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made E-li'a. kim his brother king over Judah and Terusalem, and turned his name to Jē-hôi'à-kim. And Nē'chō took Jē-hō'àhaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 Q Te-hoi'a-kim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the

sight of the LORD his God.

6 Against him came up Něb'ū-chădnez'zar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon,

7 Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at

Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Te-hoi'akim, and his abominations which he did. and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Is'rā-ĕl and Judah: and Jēhôi'à-chin his son reigned in his stead.

9

¶ Jē-hôi'à-chin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Terusalem: and he did that which was evil in the

sight of the LORD.

10 And when the year was expired. king Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zĕd'ē-kī'ah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ¶ Zĕd'ē-kī'āh was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Teremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD.

13 And he also rebelled against king Něb' ū-chăd-něz'zàr, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl.

14 I Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in

Terusalem.

15 And the LORD God of their fathers at Jerusalem, and condemned the land sent to them by his messengers, rising un betimes, and sending: because he

his dwelling place:

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chal'dees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no comnassion upon young man or maiden, old

18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Terusalem. and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly ves-

sels thereof.

20 And them that had escaped from had compassion on his people, and on the sword carried he away to Babvlon: where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to

fulfil threescore and ten years.

22 T Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah man, or him that stooped for age; he might be accomplished, the LORD gave them all into his hand. stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

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CHAPTER 1

NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him a house at

Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

5 Of Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Tudah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Le'vites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Terusalem.

6 And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD. which Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods;

8 Even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mith're-dath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Shěsh-băz'zar, the prince of Judah.

9 And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty

10 Thirty basins of gold, silver basins of a second sort four hundred and ten. and other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of gold and of silver

were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Shesh-baz'zar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 2

NOW these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

2 Which came with Zĕ-rūb'bâ-bĕl: Jĕsh'ū-ā, Mē'hē-mī'āh, Sē-rā'jāh, Rē-ēl-ā'jāh, Mōr'dē-cai, Bil'shān, Miz'pār, Big'vā-ī, Rē'hūm, Bā'a-nāh. The number of the men of the people of Iş'rā-ĕl:

3 The children of Pā'rŏsh, two thou-

sand a hundred seventy and two. 4 The children of Sheph'a-ti'ah, three dred and twenty.

hundred seventy and two.

5 The children of A'rah, seven hundred seventy and five.

6 The children of Pā'hath-mō'ab, of the children of Jesh'ū-à and Jo'ab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of E'lam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zăt'tū, nine hundred

forty and five. 9 The children of Zăc'cā-ī, seven hun-

dred and threescore. 10 The children of Bā'nī, six hundred

forty and two.

11 The children of Běb'ā-ī, six hundred twenty and three.

12 The children of Az'gad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of Ad'o-ni'kam, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Big'vā-ī, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of A'din, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of A'ter of Hez'e-ki'ah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Be'zā-ī, three hundred twenty and three.

18 The children of Jo'rah, a hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hā'shum, two hundred twenty and three.

20 The children of Gib'bar, ninety and

21 The children of Beth-lehem, a hundred twenty and three.

Those who returned from Babylon

22 The men of Ne-to'phah, fifty and six.

23 The men of An'a-thoth, a hundred twenty and eight.

24 The children of Az-ma'veth, forty and two.

25 The children of Kīr'jāth-ā'rīm, Chē-phī'rah, and Bē-ē'roth, seven hundred and forty and three.

26 The children of Rā'māh and Gā'bā. six hundred twenty and one.

27 The men of Mich'mas, a hundred

twenty and two. 28 The men of Beth-el and A'i, two

hundred twenty and three. 29 The children of Ne'bo, fifty and two.

30 The children of Mag'bish, a hun-

dred fifty and six. 31 The children of the other E'lăm, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

32 The children of Hā'rīm, three hun-

33 The children of Lod, Hā'did, and O'no, seven hundred twenty and five. 34 The children of Jer'i-cho, three

hundred forty and five.

35 The children of Sē-nā'ah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty. 36 I The priests: the children of Je-

da'iah, of the house of Jesh'ū-a, nine hundred seventy and three.

37 The children of Im'mer, a thousand

fifty and two.

38 The children of Pash'ur, a thousand

two hundred forty and seven. 39 The children of Hā'rīm, a thousand

and seventeen.

40 The Le'vites: the children of Jesh'ū-a and Kad'mi-el, of the children of Hō'da-vī'ah, seventy and four.

41 The singers: the children of A'săph, a hundred twenty and eight.

42 The children of the porters: the children of Shal'lum, the children of A'ter, the children of Tal'mon, the children of Ak'kub, the children of Hatī'ta, the children of Shō'baī, in all a hundred thirty and nine.

43 The Neth'i-nim: the children of Zī'ha, the children of Ha-sū'pha, the

children of Tab-ba'oth,

44 The children of Ke'ros, the children of Sī'a-ha, the children of Pā'dŏn,

45 The children of Le-ba'nah, the children of Hag'a-bah, the children of Åk'kŭb.

46 The children of Ha'gab, the children of Shal'mai, the children of Ha'nan.

47 The children of Gid'del, the children of Ga'har, the children of Re-a'iah.

48 The children of Re'zin, the children of Në-ko'da, the children of Gaz'zam. 49 The children of Uz'za, the children of Pa-sē'ah, the children of Bē'saī

50 The children of As'nah, the children of Mē-hū'nim, the children of Nēphū'sim,

51 The children of Bak'buk, the children of Hà-kũ'phà, the children of Här'hur.

52 The children of Baz'luth, the children of Mē-hī'da, the children of in his place:

Här'shå.

of Sis'er-a, the children of Tha'mah, 54 The children of Ne-zi'ah, the chil-

dren of Ha-ti'pha.

55 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of So'tai, the children of So-phē'rěth, the children of Pě-ru'dà. 56 The children of Ja'a-lah, the chil-

dren of Där'kon, the children of Gid'del. 57 The children of Sheph'a-ti'ah, the children of Hat'til, the children of Pochē-rēth of Zē-bā'im, the children of A'mī. 58 All the Něth'i-nim, and the children

of Solomon's servants, were three hun-

dred ninety and two.

59 And these were they which went up from Tel'-me'lah, Tel'-har'sa, Che'rub, Ad'dan, and Im'mer: but they could not show their father's house, and their seed, whether they were of Is'ra-el: 60 The children of De-la'iah, the children of Tō-bi'ah, the children of Nē-

kō'da, six hundred fifty and two. 61 C And of the children of the priests: the children of Ha-ba'iah, the children people of those countries: and they of Koz, the children of Bar-zil'la-i; which took a wife of the daughters of Bärzīl'lā-ī the Gīl'ē-ăd-īte, and was called

after their name:

62 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood

63 And the Tir-sha'tha said unto them, things, till there stood up a priest with

U'rim and with Thum'mim.

64 I The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,

maids, of whom there were seven thou- the temple of the LORD was not uet laid.

sand three hundred thirty and seven: and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred

thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five:

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: their asses, six thousand seven.

hundred and twenty.

68 I And some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up

69 They gave after their ability unto 53 The children of Bar'kos, the children the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pounds of silver, and one hun-

dred priests' garments.

70 So the priests, and the Le'vites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Neth'i-nim, dwelt in their cities, and all Iş'rā-ĕl in their cities.

CHAPTER 3

AND when the seventh month was come, and the children of Is'rā-ĕl were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then stood up Jesh'ū-a the son of Joz'a-dak, and his brethren the priests, and Zě-růb'bà-běl the son of Shē-ălti-el, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Iş'rā-el, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set the altar upon his bases: for fear was upon them because of the offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and

evening.

4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every

day required;

5 And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons. that they should not eat of the most holy, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offer-65 Besides their servants and their ings unto the LORD. But the foundation of 7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zi'dön, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Jöp'på, according to the grant that they had of

Cyrus king of Persia.

8 ¶ Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zörüb'bà-běl the son of Shē-āl'fi-ēl, and Jēsh'ū-ā the son of Jöz'à-dāk, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Lē'vītes, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Lē'vītes, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood Jësh'ū-à with his sons and his brethren, Kād'mī-ĕi and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Hĕn'a-dād, with their sons and their brethren the Lē'vītes.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Le ries the sons of Arsaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king

of Is'rā-ĕl.

11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward is ra-ëi. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Le'vites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for

joy:
13 So that the people could not discern
the noise of the shout of joy from the
noise of the weeping of the people: for
the people shouted with a loud shout,
and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAPTER 4

NOW when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Is rā-ēl; 2 Then they came to Zĕ-rüb'bā-bēl, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Ē'sār-hād'don king of Ās'sūr, which brought us up hither.

3 But Zĕ-rub'ba-bĕl, and Jĕsh'ū-ā, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Iş'rā-ĕl, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build a house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Lord God of Iş'rā-ĕl, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath

commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building.

5 And hired counselors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Da-ri is king of Persia.

6 And in the reign of A-hāṣ'ū-ē'rŭs, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 ¶ And in the days of År'tăx.ērx'ēş wrote Bish'läm, Mith'rē-dāth, Tā'bē-ēl, and the rest of their companions, unto År'tāx.ērx'ēş king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

8 Rê'hum the chancellor and Shim's shai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Ar'tăx-ērx'ēs the king in

this sort:

9 Then wrote Re'hum the chancellor, and Shim'shai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Di'nà-ites, the Aph'ar-sath'ehites, the Tar'pèl-ites, the A-phar'sites, the Archē-vites, the Babylonians, the Sū-san'chites, the Dē-halvites, and the E'lam-ites,

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Ås-nāp'pēr brought over, and set in the cities of Sâ-mā'ri-à, and the rest that are on this side the

river, and at such a time.

11 ¶ This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Ar'tax-erx'es the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set

up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings.

14 Now because we have maintenance from the king's palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore have we sent and certified the

15 That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records. and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces. and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no

portion on this side the river.

17 Then sent the king an answer unto Re'hum the chancellor, and to Shim'shai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Sa-mari-a, and unto the rest beyond the river. Peace, and at such a time.

18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all countries beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.

21 Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me.

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the

hurt of the kings?

23 II Now when the copy of king Artăx-ērx'ēş' letter was read before Rē' hum, and Shim'shai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.

24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign woked the God of heaven unto wrath, he of Da-rī'ŭs king of Persia.

CHAPTER 5

HEN the prophets, Hăg'gā-ī the prophet, and Zěsh'ā-rī'āh the son of Id'do, prophesied unto the Tews that were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Is'ra-el, even unto them.

2 Then rose up Zĕ-rŭb'bà-bĕl the son of Shē-ăl'tĭ-ĕl, and Jĕsh'ū-à the son of Joz'a-dak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them were the prophets of God helping

3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tăt'nai, governor on this side the river, and She'thar-boz'nai, and their companions, and said thus unto them. Who hath commanded you to build this house. and to make up this wall?

4 Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men

that make this building?

5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Da-ri'us: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this matter.

6 The copy of the letter that Tăt'nai. governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boz'nai, and his companions the A-phar cach-ites, which were on this side the river, sent unto Da-rī'us the king: 7 They sent a letter unto him, wherein

was written thus; Unto Da-ri'us the king. all peace.

8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on. and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these

10 We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.

11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Ĭş'rā-èl builded and set up.

12 But after that our fathers had progave them into the hand of Něb'ū-chădněz'zár the king of Babylon, the Chălde'an, who destroyed this house, and unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, the same king Cyrus God.

14 And the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Neb'ūchăd-nez'zar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one, whose name was Shësh-baz'zar, whom he had made governor;

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God

be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Shësh-băz'zâr. and laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

CHAPTER 6

THEN Dà-rī' us the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found at Ach'me-tha, in the palace that is in the province of the Mêdeş, a roll, and therein was a

record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Terusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the breadth thereof threescore cubits:

4 With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house:

5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Něb'ūchad-nez'zar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto

Babylon, be restored, and brought again every one to his place, and place them

in the house of God.

6 Now therefore, Tăt'naï, governor bemade a decree to build this house of yond the river, She'thar-boz'nai, and your companions the A-phar'sach-ites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence:

> 7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Tews build this house

of God in his place.

8 Moreover I make a decree what ve shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not hindered.

9 And that which they have need of. both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savors unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of

his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Dà-ri'us have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

13 Then Tăt'nai, governor on this side the river. She'thar-boz'nai, and their companions, according to that which Da-ri'us the king had sent, so

they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded. height thereof threescore cubits, and the and they prospered through the prophesying of Hag'ga-i the prophet and Zecha-ri'ah the son of Id'dc. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Is'rā-ĕl, and according to the commandment of Cvrus, and Da-rī'ŭs, and Ar'tax-ērx'ēş king of Persia.

15 And this house was finished on the

third day of the month A-dar', which his request, according to the hand of the was in the sixth year of the reign of Da- LORD his God upon him.

ri'ŭs the king.

16 C And the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, the priests, and the Le'vites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Iş'rā-ĕl, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Le'vites in their courses. for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem: as it is written in the book of

Moses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth

day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Le'vites were purified together, all of them were pure. and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Is'ra-ĕl, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD

God of Is'rā-ĕl. did eat.

22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Is'rā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 7

NOW after these things, in the reign freely offered unto the God of İş'rā-ĕl, of Ar'tăx-ērx'ēş king of Persia, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, Ezra the son of Sē-rā'iāh, the son of 16 And all the silver and gold that thou Az'a-rī'ah, the son of Hil-kī'ah.

2 The son of Shal'lum, the son of Za-

Az'a-rī'ah, the son of Mē-rā'iŏth, 4 The son of Zer'a-hi'ah, the son of

Uz'zī, the son of Bŭk'kī,

of Aaron the chief priest:

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and had given; and the king granted him all after the will of your God.

7 And there went up some of the children of Is'rā-ĕl, and of the priests, and the Le'vites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Neth'i-nim, unto Terusalem, in the seventh year of Ar'taxerx'es the king.

8 And he came to Terusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh

year of the king.

9 For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it. and to teach in Iş'rā-ĕl statutes and

judgments.

11 W Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Ar'tăx-erx'es gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Is'ra-el.

12 Ar'tăx-ērx'ēş, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect beace, and at

such a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Is'ra-ĕl, and of his priests and Le'vites, in my realm, which are minded of their own free will to go up to Terusalem, go with thee.

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counselors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem. according to the law of thy God which is

in thine hand:

15 And to carry the silver and gold. which the king and his counselors have

canst find in all the province of Babylon. with the freewill offering of the people, dok, the son of A-hī'tub, and of the priests, offering willingly for 3 The son of Am'a-rī'ah, the son of the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:

17 That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with 5 The son of A-bish'ū-a, the son of their meat offerings and their drink offer-Phin'ē-has, the son of El'ē-a'zar, the son ings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Terusalem.

18 And whatsoever shall seem good to he was a ready scribe in the law of thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the Moses, which the LORD God of Is'ra-el rest of the silver and the gold, that do

19 The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God. those deliver thou before the God of Terusalem.

20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it

out of the king's treasure house.
21 And I, even I Är'tax-erx'es the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require

of you, it be done speedily, 22 Unto a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred measures of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hun-

dred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for wny should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

24 Also we certify you, that, touching any of the priests and Le'vites, singers, porters. Neth'i-nim, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. 25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all

the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not.

26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 T Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem:

28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Iş'rā-ĕl chief men to go up with me.

CHAPTER 8

HESE are now the chief of their fathers, and this is the genealogy of lon, in the reign of Ar'tax-erx'es the king. ren the Neth'i-nim, at the place Ca-

2 Of the sons of Phin'e-has; Ger'shom. of the sons of Ith'a-mar; Daniel: of the sons of David: Hăt'tŭsh.

3 Of the sons of Sheeh'a-nī'ah, of the sons of Pha'rosh; Zech'a-rī'ah; and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty.

4 Of the sons of Pā'hāth-mō'āb; Ĕl'i. hō-ē'nā-ī the son of Zĕr'a-hī'ah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Sheeh'a-ni'ah: the son of Ja-ha'zi-el, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of A'din: E'bed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty

males.

7 And of the sons of E'lam; Je-sha'iah the son of Ath'a-li'ah, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Sheph'a-ti'ah; Zeb'à-dī'àh the son of Mī'chā-el, and

with him fourscore males.

9 Of the sons of Jo'ab; O'ba-dī'ah the son of Je-hi'el, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of She-lo'mith; the son of Tos'i-phi'ah, and with him a hundred and threescore males.

11 And of the sons of Běb'ā-ī: Zěch'àrī'ah the son of Běb'ā-ī, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the sons of Az'gad: To-ha'nan the son of Hak'ka-tan, and with him a hundred and ten males.

13 And of the last sons of Ad'o-ni'kam. whose names are these, E-liph'e-let. Tē-ī'ĕl, and Shē-mā'iah, and with them threescore males.

14 Of the sons also of Big'vā-ī: Ū'thaī. and Zăb'bud, and with them seventy

males. 15 4 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to A-ha'va; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.

16 Then sent I for El'i-ē'zēr, for Ā'ri-ĕl. for She-ma'jah, and for El-na'than, and for Jā'rīb, and for El-nā'than, and for Nathan, and for Zech'a-ri'ah, and for Mē-shul'lam, chief men; also for Joi'àrib. and for El-nā'thăn, men of understanding.

17 And I sent them with commandment unto Id'do the chief at the place Ca-siph'i-a, and I told them what they them that went up with me from Baby- should say unto Id'do, and to his brethsiph'i-a, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

18 And by the good hand of our God mon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mäh'li, the son of Levi, the son of Iş'rā-ĕl; and Shĕr'ēbī'ah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen;

19 And Hash'a-bi'ah, and with him Je--shā'iàh of the sons of Mē-rā'rī, his breth-

ren and their sons, twenty:

20 Also of the Neth'i-nim, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Le'vites, two hundred and twenty Něth'i-nim: all of them were expressed by name.

21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of A-ha'va, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us.

24 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sher'e-bi'ah, Hash'abi'ah, and ten of their brethren with them

25 And weighed unto them the silver. and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counselors, and his lords, and all Is'ra-el there present, had offered:

26 I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels a hundred talents, and of

gold a hundred talents;

27 Also twenty basins of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine

copper, precious as gold.

28 And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the LORD; the vessels are holv also: and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the priests and the Le'vites, and chief of the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So took the priests and the Le'vites the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

31 Then we departed from the river of A-ha'va on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the

hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy. and of such as lay in wait by the way. 32 And we came to Terusalem, and

abode there three days.

33 ¶ Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Mer'e-moth the son of U-ri'ah the priest; and with him was El'ē-ā'zarthe son of Phin'e-has; and with them was Joz'a-bad the son of Jesh'ū-a, and No'a-di'ah the son of Bin'nū-i. Lē'vītes:

34 By number and by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at

that time.

35 Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, twelve bullocks for all Iş'rā-ĕl, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering unto the LORD.

36 4 And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the people.

and the house of God.

CHAPTER 9

NOW when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Is'ra-ĕl, and the priests, and the Le'vites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations. evenof the Ca'naan-ites, the Hit'tites, the Per'iz-zites, the Jeb'u-sites, the Ammonites, the Mo'ab-ites, the Egyptians, and the Am'o-rites.

2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked fathers of Iş'rā-ĕl, at Jerusalem, in the off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.

4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Is'rā-ĕl, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

5 I And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands

unto the LORD my God.

6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown

up unto the heavens.

7 Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day.

8 And now for a little space grace hath been showed from the LORD our God. to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a

little reviving in our bondage.

9 For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God. and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Terusalem.

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy

commandments.

11 Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.

12 Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ve may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great tres- 8 And that whosoever would not come pass, seeing that thou our God hast pun- within three days, according to the counished us less than our iniquities deserve,

and hast given us such deliverance as

14 Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?

15 O LORD God of Is'ra-el, thou art righteous; for we remain yet escaped. as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot

stand before thee because of this.

CHAPTER 10

TOW when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Is'rā-ĕl a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

2 And Shech'à-ni'àh the son of Jē-hi'ĕl. one of the sons of E'lam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed

against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Is'ra-el concerning this

thing.

3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4 Arise: for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of

good courage, and do it.

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Le'vites, and all Iş'rā-ĕl, to swear that they should do according to

this word. And they sware.

6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jo-ha'nan the son of E-li'a-shib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jeru-

salem:

8 And that whosoever would not come sel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

9 ¶ Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.

10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Is'rā-ĕi.

11 Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

12 Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast

said, so must we do.

13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us.

15 © Only Jonathan the son of Ås'å-hel and Jā'hà-zī'àh the son of Tik'väh were employed about this matter: and Mēshhi'lām and Shāb'bē-thai the Lē'vite

helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the

first day of the first month.

18 ¶ And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: namely, of the sons of Jěsh'ū-à the son of Jōz'à-dāk, and his brethren; Mā'à-sē'iāh, and Ē'i-ē'zēr, and Jā'rīb, and Gē'à-li'āh.

19 And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and being

guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass.

20 And of the sons of Im'mer; Ha-na'ni,

and Zěb'à-dī'àh.

21 And of the sons of Hā'rīm; Mā'a-sē' jāh, and Ē-lī'jāh, and Shē-mā'jāh, and Jē-hi'ēl, and Ŭz-zī'āh.

22 And of the sons of Pash'ür; E-li'ō-ē'nā-ī, Mā'a-sē'iāh, Ish'mā-ĕl, Nē-thān'

ē-ĕl, Jŏz'a-băd, and Ĕl'a-sah.

23 Also of the Le vites; Jöz'a-băd, and Shim'ē-ī, and Kē-la'jāh, (the same is Kĕl'ī-tā,) Pēth'a-hī'āh, Judah, and El'ī-ē'zēr.

24 Of the singers also; E-li'à-shib: and of the porters; Shāl'lüm, and Tē'lēm,

and D'ri.

25 Moreover of Ĭş'rā-ĕl: of the sons of Pā'rōsh; Rā-mi'āh, and Jē-zi'āh, and Māl-chi'āh, and Mī'a-min, and Ĕl'ē-ā'zar, and Māl-chi'jāh, and Bē-nā'jāh.

26 And of the sons of E'lăm; Măt'táni'áh, Zéch'á-ri'áh, and Jē-hi'él, and Ab'di, and Jēr'ē-móth, and E-li'áh. 27 And of the sons of Zät'tü; E-li'ō-ē'

27 And of the sons of Zăt'tū; E-li'ō-ēnā-ī, E-li'ā-shib, Măt'tā-nī'āh, and Jērē-moth, and Zā'bād, and Ā-zi'zā.

28 Of the sons also of Beb'ā-ī; Jē'hōhā'nān, Hān'à-nī'àh, Zāb'bā-ī, and Āth'lā-ī.

Atn'ia-1.

29 And of the sons of Bā'nī; Mē-shŭl'lăm, Māl'lüsh, and A-dā'jah, Jā'shŭb,

and She'al, and Ra'möth.

30 And of the sons of Pa'hath-mō'ab;
Ad'na, and Che'lal, Bē-na'jah, Mā'a-se'
iah. Mā'ta-ni'ah. Bē-za'l'ē-ēl. and Bīn-

nū-ī, and Mā-nās'sēh. 31 And of the sons of Hā'rim; Ēl'ī-ēzēr, Ī-sh'jāh, Māl-ehi'āh, Shē-mā'jāh, Shim'ē-ön.

32 Benjamin, Măl'lŭch, and Shěm'à-

rī'àh.

33 Of the sons of Hā'shum; Māt'tēnā'ī, Māt'tā-thah, Zā'bād, E-liph'ē-lēt, Jēt'ē-maī, Mā-nās'sēh, and Shim'ē-ī. 34 Of the sons of Bā'ni; Mā'a-dā'ī,

Ăm'răm, and Ū'ĕl, 35 Bē-nā'jāh, Bē-dē'jāh, Chĕl'lūh,

36 Và-ni'àh, Měr'ē-mŏth, Ē-li'à-shīb, 37 Mặt'tà-ni'àh, Mặt'tē-nā'ī, and Jāà-sau.

38 And Bā'nī, and Bĭn'nū-ī, Shǐm'ē-ī, 39 And Shĕl'ē-mi'āh, and Nathan, and Ā-dā'jāh,

40 Mach-nad'ē-baī, Shā'shaī, Sha-ra'ī, 41 A-za'rē-ĕl, and Shĕl'ē-mī'ah, Shĕm'

ā-rī'āh, 42 Shāi'lum, Ām'ā-rī'āh, and Joseph.

43 Of the sons of Ne'bo: Te-i'el, Măt'tithī'ah. Zā'bad. Zē-bī'na. Tā'dau. and and some of them had wives by whom Toel. Bē-nā'iah.

44 All these had taken strange wives: they had children.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

CHAPTER 1

HE words of Ne'he-mi'ah the son of Hach'a-li'ah. And it came to pass in the month Chis'leu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shu'shan the palace. 2 That Ha-na'ni, one of my brethren. came, he and certain men of Judah; and

I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and re-proach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

4 M And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven.

5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Iş'ra-el thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Isboth I and my father's house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my there were of you cast out unto the utter-

them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

10 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong

11 O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper. I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

CHAPTER 2

AND it came to pass in the month Ni'san, in the twentieth year of Ar'tax-erx'es the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me. Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid.

3 And said unto the king. Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and rā-el, which we have sinned against thee: the gates thereof are consumed with both I and my father's house have fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I praved to the God of heaven.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favor in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my

fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. 6 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou recommandments, and do them: though turn? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

most part of the heaven, yet will I gather 7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it

please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into

Tudah:

8 And a letter unto A'sāph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which abpertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

10 When Săn-băl'lăt the Hör'ō-nite, and Tō-bi'āh the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was

there three days.

12 ¶ And I arose in the night, I and some fewmen with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I

rode upon.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was

under me to pass.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to

the rest that did the work.

17 ¶ Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with firet come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also 9 And next unto it the king's words that he had spoken iah the son of Hûr unto me. And they said, Let us rise up part of Jerusalem.

and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

19 But when San-bal'lat the Hör'ō-nīte, and Tō-bi'ah the servant, the Ammonite, and Gō'shem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jeru-

salem.

CHAPTER 3

THEN E-li'a-shib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Mē'ah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hā-nān'ē-ēl.

2 And next unto him builded the men of Jer'i-cho. And next to them builded

Zăc'cur the son of Im'rī.

3 But the fish gate did the sons of Häs' sē-nā'ah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

4 And next unto them repaired Mer'smoth the son of U-ri'jah, the son of Köz. And next unto them repaired Me-shuil läm the son of Ber'e-chi'ah, the son of Me-shez'a-beel. And next unto them repaired Za'dök the son of Ba'a-na.

5 And next unto them the Tē-kō'ītes repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord.

6 Moreover the old gate repaired Jēhôf'à-dà the son of Pà-sē'àh, and Mēshū'l'ām the son of Bès'ô-dē'iàh; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

7 And next unto them repaired Mĕl'âti'âh the Gib'ē-ôn-ite, and Jā'dön the Mē-rön'ō-thite, the men of Gib'ē-ôn, and of Miz'pāh, unto the throne of the

and of Miz'pah, unto the throne governor on this side the river.

8 Next unto him repaired \(\tilde{V}z-zi'\)el the son of H\(\tilde{H}a'-\tilde{A}'\)jah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired H\(\tilde{A}n'\)ah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall

9 And next unto them repaired Rē-phā' jāh the son of Hûr, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.

10 And next unto them repaired Je-daiáh the son of Há-ru'máph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hat'tush the son of Hash'abnì'àh.

11 Măl-chī'jāh the son of Hā'rīm, and Hā'shub the son of Pā'hāth-mō'āb, repaired the other piece, and the tower of

the furnaces.

12 And next unto him repaired Shall lum the son of Ha-lo'hesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 The valley gate repaired Hā'nun, and the inhabitants of Za-no'ah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.

14 But the dung gate repaired Malchi'ah the son of Re'chab, the ruler of part of Běth'-hặc'çē-rĕm; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks there-

of, and the bars thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shal'lun the son of Col-ho'zeh, the ruler of part of Miz'päh; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Si-lo'ah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.

16 After him repaired Ne'he-mi'ah the son of Az'buk, the ruler of the half part of Beth'-zûr', unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the

house of the mighty.

17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bā'nī. Next unto him repaired Hash'a-bi'ah, the ruler of the half part of Kë-i'lah, in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren. Băv'ā-ī the son of Hĕn'ā-dăd, the ruler

of the half part of Kē-ī'lah.

19 And next to him repaired E'zer the son of Jesh'ū-a, the ruler of Miz'pah, another piece over against the going up to the armory at the turning of the wall.

20 After him Ba'ruch the son of Zab' ba-i earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of E-li'a-shib the high

priest.

21 After him repaired Měr'e-möth the

The wall of Jerusalem is repaired Ē-lī'ā-shīb even to the end of the house of E-li'a-shib.

22 And after him repaired the priests.

the men of the plain.

23 After him repaired Benjamin and Hā'shub over against their house. After him repaired Az'á-rī'áh the son of Mā'áse'iah the son of An'a-nī'ah by his house.

24 After him repaired Bin'nū-i the son of Hen'a-dad another piece, from the house of Az'a-rī'ah unto the turning of

the wall, even unto the corner. 25 Pā'lāl the son of U'zaī, over against

the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pē-dā'jah the son of Pā'rŏsh.

26 Moreover the Neth'i-nim dwelt in O'phel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

27 After them the Te-ko'ītes repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of O'phĕl.

28 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his

house.

29 After them repaired Zā'dŏk the son of Im'mer over against his house. After him repaired also She-ma'iah the son of Sheeh'a-ni'ah, the keeper of the east gate.

30 After him repaired Hăn'a-nī'ah the son of Shel'e-mî'ah, and Ha'nun the sixth son of Zā'laph, another piece. After him repaired Me-shul'lam the son of Ber'e-chi'ah over against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Mal-chi'ah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Neth'i-nim, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miph'kad, and to the going up of the corner.

32 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the

goldsmiths and the merchants.

CHAPTER 4

DUT it came to pass, that when Sănbăl'lăt heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Sa-ma'rī-a, and said, What son of U-rijah the son of Köz another themselves? will they sacrifice? will they do these feeble Jews? will they fortify piece, from the door of the house of make an end in a day? will they revive

the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

3 Now Tō-bī'ah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the

land of captivity:

5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 ¶ But it came to pass, that when me Săn-băl'lăt, and Tō-bī'ah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ash' dod-ites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and

to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there

to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

12 And it came to pass, that when the Tews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will

be upon you. 13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places. I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their

14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And it came to pass, when our ene-

nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

16 And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other

hand held a weapon.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by

19 I And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

20 In what place therefore ve hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

21 So we labored in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in is much rubbish; so that we are not able the night they may be a guard to us, and labor on the day.

23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put

them off for washing.

CHAPTER 5

AND there was a great cry of the peo-ple and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.

2 For there were that said. We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.

3 Some also there were that said. We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards.

5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of mies heard that it was known unto us, our brethren, our children as their chiland God had brought their counsel to dren: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants. and some of our daughters are brought into bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them: for other men have our lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

7 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

8 And I said unto them. We, after our ability, have redeemed our brethren the Tews, which were sold unto the heathen: and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to

answer. 9 Also I said. It is not good that we do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the

heathen our enemies?

10 I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou savest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to

this promise.

13 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised unto me in like manner the fifth time the LORD. And the people did according with an open letter in his hand;

to this promise.

14 ¶ Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Ar'tax-erx'es the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.

been before me were chargeable unto shall it be reported to the king accordthe people, and had taken of them bread ing to these words. Come now thereand wine, besides forty shekels of sil- fore, and let us take counsel together.

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ver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

16 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work.

17 Moreover there were at my table a hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers. besides those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.

18 Now that which was prepared for me daily was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

19 Think upon me, my God, for good. according to all that I have done for this

people.

CHAPTER 6

NOW it came to pass, when San-bal'lat, and To-bi'ah, and Ge'shem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall. and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates:)

2 That Săn-băl'lăt and Gē'shem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of O'no. But they thought to do me

mischief.

3 And I sent messengers unto them. saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

4 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them

after the same manner.

5 Then sent Săn-băl'lăt his servant

6 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Găsh'mū saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall. that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, say-15 But the former governors that had ing. There is a king in Judah; and now

8 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest. but thou feignest them out of thine own

heart.

9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my

hands.

10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shē-mā'jah the son of Dē-lā'jah the son of Mē-hět'à-bēel, who was shut up: and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save

his life? I will not go in.

12 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for To-bi'ah

and Săn-băl'lăt had hired him.

13 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach

14 My God, think thou upon To-bī'ah and San-bal'lat according to these their works, and on the prophetess No a-di ah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 @ So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month E-lul'.

in fifty and two days.

16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 I Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tō-bī'ah, and the letters of Tō-bī'ah

came unto them.

18 For there were many in Judah children of Jesh'ū-a and Jo'ab, two thousworn unto him, because he was the son-in-law of Sheeh'a-nī'ah the son of A'rah; and his son Jō-hā'năn had taken the daughter of Me-shul'lam the son of Běr'ē-chī'ah.

19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him, And To-bi'ah sent letters to put

me in fear.

CHAPTER 7

TOW it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Le'vites were appointed,

2 That I gave my brother Hà-nā'nī, and Han'a-ni'ah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.

3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Terusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house.

4 Now the city was large and great: but the people were few therein, and the

houses were not builded.

5 ¶ And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found

written therein.

6 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city:

7 Who came with Ze-rub'ba-bel, Jesh' ū-a, Nē'hē-mī'ah, Az'a-rī'ah, Ra'a-mī'ah, Nā'ha-mā'nī, Môr'dē-caī, Bil'shan, Mis'pē-rēth, Big'vā-ī, Nē'hum, Bā'a-nāh. The number, I say, of the men of the people of Is'rā-el was this; 8 The children of Parosh, two thou-

sand a hundred seventy and two. 9 The children of Sheph'a-ti'ah, three

hundred seventy and two.

10 The children of A'rah, six hundred fifty and two.

11 The children of Pā'hāth-mō'āb, of the

sand and eight hundred and eighteen. 12 The children of E'lam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

13 The children of Zăt'tū, eight hun-

dred forty and five.

14 The children of Zăc'cā-ī, seven hundred and threescore.

15 The children of Bin'nū-i, six hundred forty and eight.

Those who went up first from Babulon 16 The children of Běb'ā-ī, six hundred children of Hō-dē'vah, seventy and

four.

twenty and eight.

17 The children of Az'gad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two. 18 The children of Ad'ō-nī'kām, six

hundred threescore and seven. 19 The children of Big'vā-i, two thou-

sand threescore and seven.

20 The children of A'din, six hundred fifty and five.

21 The children of A'ter of Hez'eki'ah, ninety and eight.

22 The children of Ha'shum, three hundred twenty and eight.

23 The children of Be zā-ī, three hundred twenty and four.

24 The children of Hā'rīph, a hundred and twelve.

25 The children of Gib'e-on, ninety

and five. 26 The men of Beth-lehem and Ne-to-

pháh, a hundred fourscore and eight. 27 The men of An'a-thoth, a hundred

twenty and eight. 28 The men of Beth'-az-ma'veth, forty

and two.

29 The men of Kīr'jāth-jē'à-rīm, Chēphī'rah, and Bē-ē'roth, seven hundred forty and three.

30 The men of Rā'māh and Gā'bā, six hundred twenty and one.

31 The men of Mich'mas, a hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Beth-el and A'i, a hundred twenty and three.

33 The men of the other Ne'bo, fifty and two.

34 The children of the other E'lam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 35 The children of Ha'rim, three hun-

dred and twenty.

36 The children of Jer'i-cho, three hundred forty and five.

37 The children of Lod, Ha'did, and O'no, seven hundred twenty and one. 38 The children of Sē-na'ah, three

thousand nine hundred and thirty. 39 The priests: the children of Jeda'iah, of the house of Jesh'ū-a, nine

hundred seventy and three. 40 The children of Im'mer, a thousand

fifty and two.

two hundred forty and seven.

42 The children of Hā'rīm, a thousand dren of Tō-bī'ah, the children of Nēand seventeen.

Jesh'ū-a, of Kad'mi-el, and of the of Ha-ba'iah, the children of Koz, the

44 The singers: the children of A'saph, a hundred forty and eight.

45 The porters: the children of Shar. lum, the children of A'ter, the children of Tal'mon, the children of Ak'kub, the children of Ha-ti'ta, the children of

Shō'baī, a hundred thirty and eight. 46 I The Neth'i-nim: the children of Zī'ha, the children of Ha-shu'pha, the

children of Tab-ba'oth, 47 The children of Ke'ros, the children

of Sī'à, the children of Pā'dŏn,

48 The children of Le-ba'na, the children of Hag'a-ba, the children of Shăl'maï,

49 The children of Ha'nan, the children of Gid'del, the children of Ga'har, 50 The children of Re-a'iah, the children of Re'zin, the children of Ne-ko'da.

51 The children of Gaz'zam, the children of Uz'za, the children of Pha-se'ah, 52 The children of Be'saī, the chil-

dren of Mē-ū'nim, the children of Nēphish'e-sim.

53 The children of Bak'buk, the children of Ha-ku'pha, the children of Här'hŭr.

54 The children of Baz'lith, the children of Mē-hī'da, the children of Här'shå.

55 The children of Bär'kös, the children

of Sis'er-a, the children of Ta'mah, 56 The children of Ne-zi'ah, the children of Hà-tī'phà.

57 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of So'tai, the children of Sō-phē'rěth, the children of Pē-rī'da, 58 The children of Ja'a-la, the children of Där'kon, the children of Gid'del,

59 The children of Sheph'à-ti'ah, the children of Hat'til, the children of Poch ē-rěth of Zē-bā'im, the children of

Ã'mŏn. 60 All the Neth'i-nim, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hun-

dred ninety and two.

61 And these were they which went up also from Tel'-me'lah, Tel'-ha-re'sha, Che'rub, Ad'don, and Im'mer: but they could not show their father's house, nor 41 The children of Pash'ur, a thousand their seed, whether they were of Iş'ra-el. 62 The children of De-la'iah, the chil-

kō'dā, six hundred forty and two. 43 ¶ The Le'vites: the children of 63 ¶ And of the priests; the children children of Bär-zil'lā-ī, which took one of the daughters of Bär-zil'lä-i the Gil'ē-ăd-ite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy. but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

65 And the Tīr-shā'tha said unto them. that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Il'rim and Thum'mim.

66 I The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hun-

dred and threescore.

67 Besides their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.

68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty

and five:

69 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven hundred

and twenty asses.

70 M And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshā'thà gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.

71 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pounds of silver.

72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pounds of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

73 So the priests, and the Le'vites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Neth'i-nim, and all Is'ra-el, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Is'rā-ĕl were in their cities.

CHAPTER 8

ND all the people gathered them-A selves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; bring the book of the law of Moses, the joy of the LORD is your strength. which the LORD had commanded to Īş'rā-ĕl.

before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Măt'tĭ-thī'ah, and Shē'ma, and An'a-īàh, and Ū-rī'jah, and Hīl-kī'ah, and Mā'a-sē'iah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pē-dā'iah, and Mish'ā-ēl, and Māl-chī'ah, and Hā'shum, and Hăsh-băd'à-nà, Zech'à-rî'àh, and Mēshul'lăm.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it,

all the people stood up:

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Jësh'ū-à, and Bā'nī, and Shër'ēbī'ah, Jā'mīn, Ak'kūb, Shāb'bē-thaī, Hō-dī'jāh, Mā'a-sē'jāh, Kĕl'ī-ta, Az'arī'ah, Toz'a-bad, Ha'nan, Pē-la'iah, and the Le'vites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.

8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. 9 ¶ And Nē'hē-mī'āh, which is the

Tīr-shā'tha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Le'vites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for

> 11 So the Le'vites stilled all the people, saving. Hold your peace, for the day is

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Lē'vites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Is'rā-el should dwell in booths in the feast of the

seventh month:

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

16 \$\Pi\$ so the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street

of the gate of E'phrā-im.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jesh'ū-a the son of Nūn unto that day had not the children of İş'rā-ël done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the

manner.

CHAPTER 9

NOW in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of 1stra-el were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

2 And the seed of Îş'rā-ĕl separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniq-

uities of their fathers.

3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

4 ¶ Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Lê'vites, Jēsh'ū-ā, and Bā'nī, Kād'mi-ĕl, Skēb'ā-nī'āh, Būu'nī, Shē'ē-bi'āh, Bā'nī, and Chē-nā'nī, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

5 Then the Lē'vītes, Jēsh'ū-ā, and Kād'mi-čl, Bā'ni, Hāsh'āb-ni'āh, Shēr'-bh'āh, Hō-di'jāh, Shēb'ā-ni'āh, and Pēth'ā-hi'āh, said, Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven

worshippeth thee.

7 Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chal'dees, and gavest

him the name of Abraham

8 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Ca'nāan-ites, the Hii'tites, the Ām'ō-rītes, and the Pēr-iz-zītes, and the Jēb'ū-sītes, and the Gir'gā-shītes, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:

9 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their crv

by the Red sea:

10 And showedst signs and wonders upon Phā'raōh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

11 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deens, as a stone into the mighty

waters.

12 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

13 Thou camest down also upon mount Si'nai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them

of Moses thy servant:

15 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they thou hadst sworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments,

17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks. and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.

18 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;

19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go.

20 Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest

them water for their thirst.

21 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not.

22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Si'hon, and the land of the king of Hesh'bon, and the land of Og king of Bā'shăn.

23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers. that they should go in to possess it.

24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Ca'naan-ites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

25 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of

precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, should go in to possess the land which and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought

great provocations.

27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee. thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies. so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies:

29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

30 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy Spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

31 Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a

gracious and merciful God.

32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

33 Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly: 34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith

thou didst testify against them. 35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great good-

ness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

36 Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are serv-

ants in it:

37 And it vieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

38 And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Le'vites, and priests, seal

unto it.

CHAPTER 10

NOW those that sealed were, Ne-he-mi'ah, the Tir-sha'tha, the son of Hăch'à-li'ah, and Zid-kī'jah,

2 Sē-rā'iah, Az'a-rī'ah, Jeremiah, 3 Pāsh'ŭr, Am'a-rī'ah, Măl-chī'jah, 4 Hăt'tush, Sheb'a-ni'ah, Măl'luch,

5 Hā'rīm, Měr'ē-mŏth, O'bà-di'àh, 6 Daniel, Gĭn'nē-thŏn, Bā'rŭch,

7 Mē-shul'lam, A-bi'jah, Mij'a-min 8 Mā'à-zī'àh, Bīl'gā-ī, Shē-mā'iàh:

these were the priests.

9 And the Le'vites: both Tesh'ū-ā the son of Az'a-nī'ah, Bĭn'nū-ī of the sons of Hěn'à-dăd, Kăd'mi-ĕl;

10 And their brethren, Sheb'a-ni'ah, Hō-dī'jāh, Kĕl'ī-tā, Pē-lā'iāh, Hā'năn, 11 Mī'cha, Rē'hŏb, Hăsh'a-bī'ah.

12 Zăc'cŭr, Shĕr'ē-bī'ah, Shĕb'a-nī'ah,

13 Hō-dī'jàh, Bā'nī, Bē-nī'nū. 14 The chief of the people; Pa'rosh, Pā'hath-mô'āb, Ē'lam, Zat'thu, Ba'ni,

15 Bŭn'nī, Āz'gād, Bēb'ā-ī, 16 Ād'ō-nī'jāh, Bīg'vā-ī, Ā'dĭn, 17 Ā'tēr, Hīz-kī'jāh, Āz'zŭr,

18 Hō-dī'jah, Hā'shum, Bē'zā-ī,

19 Ha'riph, An'a-thöth, Ne'bai, 20 Mag'pi-ash, Me-shul'lam, He'zir, 21 Me-shez'a-beel, Za'dök, Jad-dū'a,

22 Pěl'á-tī'áh, Hā'năn, Ān'ā-ī'áh, 23 Hō-shē'á, Hăn'á-nī'áh, Hā'shŭb, 24 Hăl-lo'hesh, Pil'e-ha, Sho'bek,

25 Rē'hum, Ha-shab'nah, Ma'a-sē'iah 26 And A-hī'iah, Hā'nan, A'nan, 27 Măl'lŭch, Hā'rim, Bā'a-nah.

28 \$\Pi\$ And the rest of the people, the priests, the Le'vites, the porters, the singers, the Neth'i-nim, and all they that had separated themselves from the neaple of the lands unto the law of God. their wives, their sons, and their daugh. ters, every one having knowledge, and

having understanding;

29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God. and to observe and do all the command. ments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land nor take their daughters for our sons

31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for us. to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the

house of our God: 33 For the showbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Is'ra-ël and for all the work of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Le'vites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law:

35 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of

the LORD:

36 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

37 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Le'vites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Le'vites, when the Le'vites take tithes: and the Le'vites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the

treasure house.

39 For the children of Is'ra-el and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAPTER 11

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men. that willingly offered themselves to

dwell at Jerusalem.

3 I Now these are the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Is'ra-el, the priests, and the Le'vites. and the Něth'i-nim, and the children of Solomon's servants.

4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; A-tha'iah the son of Uz-zī'ah, the son of Zech'a-ri'ah, the son of Am'a-ri'ah, the son of Sheph'a-ti'ah, the son of Mahā'là-lē'ĕl, of the children of Pē'rĕz:

5 And Mā'a-sē'jah the son of Bā'ruch, the son of Col-ho'zeh, the son of Hazā'iah, the son of A-dā'iah, the son of Jôi'à-rīb, the son of Zĕch'à-rī'àh, the son of Shi-lo'ni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Terusalem were four hundred threescore

and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of Benjamin; Săl'lū the son of Mē-shul'lam, the son of Jö'ed, the son of Pe-da'iah, the son of Kō-lā'iah, the son of Mā'a-sē'iah, the son of Ith'i-el, the son of Je-sa'iah.

8 And after him Găb'bā-ī, Săl'lā-ī, ninc hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zich'ri was their overseer: and Judah the son of Se-nu'ah was second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jē-dā'iah the son of

Jôi'a-rĭb, Jā'ehĭn.

11 Sē-rā'iah the son of Hil-ki'ah, the son of Mē-shul'lam, the son of Zā'dok, the son of Me-ra'ioth, the son of A-hitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two: and A-da'iah the son of Je-ro'ham, the son of Pel'a-li'ah, the son of Am'zī, the son of Zĕch'ā-rī'āh, the son of Pash'ur, the son of Mal-chi'ah,

13 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and A-mash'ā-ī the son of A-zā'rē-ĕl, the son of Å-hā'saī, the son of Mē-shīl'lē-mŏth, the son of Ĭm'mēr,

14 And their brethren, mighty men of valor, a hundred twenty and eight; and their overseer was Zab'di-el, the son of one of the great men.

15 Also of the Le'vites: She-ma'iah the son of Hā'shub, the son of Az'rī-kam, the son of Hāsh'a-bī'ah, the son of Bun'nī;

16 And Shab'be-thai and Toz'a-bad, of the chief of the Le'vites, had the oversight of the outward business of the

house of God.

17 And Măt'tà-nī'ah the son of Mī'cha. the son of Zăb'dī, the son of Ā'sāph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer; and Bak'bū-kī'ah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Sham-mu'a, the son of Ga'lal, the son of Je-du'thun.

18 All the Lë'vites in the holy city were

two hundred fourscore and four.

19 Moreover the porters, Ak'kub, Tal' mon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were a hundred seventy and two.

20 T And the residue of Is'ra-el, of the priests, and the Le'vites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

21 But the Něth'í-nim dwelt in Ö'phěl: and Zī'hà and Gis'pà were over the

Něth'ĭ-nĭm.

22 The overseer also of the Le'vites at Terusalem was Uz'zī the son of Bā'nī, the son of Hăsh'à-bī'ah, the son of Măt'tâ-nī'āh, the son of Mī'chà. Of the sons of A'sanh, the singers were over brethren, were over against them in the the business of the house of God.

23 For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

24 And Pěth'à-hī'àh the son of Mēshez'a-beel, of the children of Ze'rah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kīr'jāth-ar'ba, and in the villages thereof, and at Di'bon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jē-kāb'zē-ĕl, and in the villages thereof,

26 And at Tesh'ū-à, and at Mol'à-dàh.

and at Beth'-phe'let. 27 And at Hā'zär-shu'ăl, and at Bē'ērshe'ba, and in the villages thereof,

28 And at Zik'lag, and at Me-ko'nah.

and in the villages thereof,

29 And at En-rim'mon, and at Za-

rē-ah, and at Jär'muth

30 Zà-nō'àh, A-dŭl'lam, and in their villages, at La'chish, and the fields thereof, at A-ze'kah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Be'ershe'ba unto the valley of Hin'nom.

31 The children also of Benjamin from Ge'bà dwelt at Mich'mash, and A-i'jà, and Beth-el, and in their villages,

32 And at An'a-thoth, Nob, An'a-ni'ah,

33 Hā'zŏr, Rā'māh, Gĭt'tā-ĭm 34 Hā'dĭd, Zē-bō'im, Nē-băl'lăt,

35 Lod, and O'no, the valley of craftsmen.

36 And of the Le'vites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these are the priests and the Le'vites that went up with Zerüb'bā-běl the son of Shē-āl'tī-ēl, and Jēsh'ū-à: Sē-rā'iah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 2 Ām'a-rī'ah, Māl'lüch, Hāt'tüsh,

3 Shech'à-nī'àh, Rē'hum, Mer'ē-moth,

4 Ĭd'dō, Gĭn'nē-thō, A-bī'jāh,

5 Mī'ā-min, Mā'ā-dī'āh, Bil'gāh, 6 Shē-mā'jāh, and Jôl'ā-rīb, Jē-dā'jāh, 7 Săl'lū, Ā'mŏk, Ḥīl-kī'āh, Jē-dā'jāh. These were the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jesh'ū-a.

8 Moreover the Le'vites: Jesh'ū-a, Bin'nū-ī, Kād'mi-ĕl, Sher'ē-bī'ah, Ju-Těsh'ū-a, the thanksgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Also Băk'bū-ki'ah and Un'nī, their Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with

watches.

10 ¶ And Jesh'ū-a begat Joi'a-kim Joi'a-kim also begat E-li'a-shib, and E-li a-shib begat Jôr'a-da, 11 And Jôr'a-da begat Jonathan, and

Jonathan begat Jad-dū'a.

12 And in the days of Jor'a-kim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of Serā'jah, Mē-rā'jah; of Jeremiah, Hān'anī'āh;

13 Of Ezra, Mē-shul'lam: of Am'arī'ah. Jē'hō-hā'năn;

14 Of Měl'i-cū, Jonathan; of Shěb'ànī'āh, Joseph;

15 Of Ha'rim, Ad'na: of Mē-ra'iŏth.

Hěl'kā-ī; 16 Of Ĭd'dō, Zěch'à-rī'àh; of Gin!

nē-thŏn, Mē-shŭl'lām; 17 Of A-bī'jāh, Zieh'rī; of Mĭn'jā-mĭn,

of Mô'à-dī'àh, Pīl'taï; 18 Of Bil'gah, Sham-mu'a; of She-

mā'iah, Jē-hon'a-than;

19 And of Jôi'a-rīb, Măt'tē-nā'i; of Jē-dā'iah, Üz'zī; 20 Of Săl'lā-ī, Kāl'lā-ī; of Ā'mŏk, E'ber

21 Of Hil-kī'āh, Hăsh'ā-bī'āh; of Tē-dā'iah, Nē-thăn'ē-ĕl.

22 The Le'vites in the days of E-lī'a-shīb, Joi'a-da, and Jo-hā'nan, and Jad-du'a, were recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Dà-rī'ŭs the Persian.

23 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the book of the Chronicles, even until the days of To-

hā'năn the son of E-lī'a-shīb.

24 And the chief of the Le'vites: Hash' â-bī'ah, Shēr'ē-bī'ah, and Jēsh'ū-à the son of Kăd'mĭ-ĕl, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.

25 Măt'tà-nī'àh, and Băk'bū-kī'àh, Ō'bà-dī'ah, Mē-shul'lam, Tal'mon, Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.

26 These were in the days of Joi'a-kim the son of Jesh'ū-a, the son of Joz'adăk, and in the days of Ne'he-mi'ah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe

27 ¶ And at the dedication of the wall dah, and Măt'tà-nī'ah, which was over of Jerusalem they sought the Le'vites out of all their places, to bring them to

gladness, both with thanksgivings, and se'jah, Min'ja-min, Mi-cha'jah, E-li'owith singing, with cymbals, psalteries, e'nā-ī, Zech'a-rī'ah, and Han'a-nī'ah, and with harps.

28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem. and from the villages of Ne-toph'a-thi:

29 Also from the house of Gil'gal, and out of the fields of Ge'ba and Az-ma' with: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Le'vites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Tudah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: 32 And after them went Ho-sha'iah, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 And Az'a-ri'ah, Ezra, and Mē-

shul'lam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shē-mā'jah, and Jeremiah,

35 And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zech'a-ri'ah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shē-mā'jah, the son of Māt'ta-nī'ah, the son of Mī-chā'jah, the son of Zāc'cŭr, the son of A'săph:

36 And his brethren, Shē-mā'iah, and A-zā'rā-ĕl, Mīl'a-lā'ī, Gīl'a-laī, Mā-ā'ī, Në-thăn'ë-ël, and Judah, Hà-na'nī, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

37 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David. even unto the water gate eastward.

that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;

39 And from above the gate of E'phraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hanăn'ē-ĕl. and the tower of Mē'ah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me: ber of the house of our God, was allied 41 And the priests; E-li'a-kim, Mā'a- unto Tō-bī'ah:

with trumpets:

42 And Mā'a-sē'iah, and Shē-mā'iah, and El'ē-ā'zar, and Uz'zī, and Jē'hōhā'năn, and Mal-chī'jah, and E'lam, and E'zer. And the singers sang loud, with Jěz'rà-hī'ah their overseer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even

afar off.

44 ¶ And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Le'vites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Le'vites that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his

46 For in the days of David and A'saph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Is'rā-ĕl in the days of Zĕrub'ba-bel, and in the days of Ne'hemi'ah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified holy things unto the Le'vites; and the Le'vites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

CHAPTER 13

N that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the peo-38 And the other company of them ple; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Mo'ab-ite should not come into the congregation of God for ever:

2 Because they met not the children of Iş'rā-ĕl with bread and with water, but hired Ba'laam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Is'rā-ĕl all the mixed multitude.

4 ¶ And before this, E-li'a-shib the priest, having the oversight of the cham-

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem the vessels, and the tithes of the corn. the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Le'vites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this time was not I at Terusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Ar'tax-erx'es king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days

obtained I leave of the king:

7 And I came to Jerusalem, and under-stood of the evil that E-li'a-shib did for Tô-bī'àh, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of To-

bi'ah out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.

10 C And I perceived that the portions of the Le'vites had not been given them: for the Le'vites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his

field.

11 Then contended I with the rulers. and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together.

and set them in their place.
12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil

unto the treasuries.

13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shěl'ē-mī'ah the priest, and Zā'dok the scribe, and of the Lē'vites, Pē-dā'iah: and next to them was Hā'nan the son of Zăc'cur, the son of Măt'tàni'ah: for they were counted faithful. and their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my

God, and for the offices thereof.

15 ¶ In those days saw I in Judah some treading winepresses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.

in, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto 17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil

thing is this that ye do, and profane the

sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Iş'rā-ĕl by profaning the sabbath.

19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Terusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Terusalem

once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they

no more on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Le'vites, that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me. O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

23 In those days also saw I Tews that had married wives of Ashdod, of

Ammon, and of Mô'ăb:

24 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to

the language of each people.

25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them. and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons. nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for vourselves.

26 Did not Solomon king of Is'rä-ĕl sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Ĭş'rā-ĕl: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to 16 There dwelt men of Tyre also there- do all this great evil, to transgress wives?

28 And one of the sons of Jor'a-da, the nite: therefore I chased him from in his business:

cause they have defiled the priesthood, member me, O my God, for good.

against our God in marrying strange and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Le'vites.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all son of E-li'a-shib the high priest, was strangers, and appointed the wards of son-in-law to Săn-băl'lat the Hor'o- the priests and the Le'vites, every one

31 And for the wood offering, at times 20 Remember them, O my God, be- appointed, and for the firstfruits. Re-

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

CHAPTER 1

NOW it came to pass in the days of A-hāṣ'ū-ē'rŭs, (this is A-hāṣ'ū-ē' rus which reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, over a hundred and seven and twenty provinces,)

2 That in those days, when the king A-has' u-e'rus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shu'shan the

nalace.

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants: the power of Persia and Me'di-a. the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:

4 When he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even a

hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shu'shan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

6 Where were white, green, and blue hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black marble,

7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.

8 And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his all the people that are in all the prov-house, that they should do according to inces of the king A-has u-erical. every man's pleasure.

9 Also Văsh'tī the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king A-haş'ū-ē'rus.

10 ¶ On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mē-hū'mān, Biz'tha, Hār-bō'na, Big'tha, and A-bāg'tha, Ze'thar, and Car'cas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of A-hăş'ū-ē'rŭs the king,

11 To bring Vash'ti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to show the people and the princes her beauty:

for she was fair to look on.

12 But the queen Văsh'ti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 ¶ Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew

law and judgment:

14 And the next unto him was Carshē-na, Shē'thar, Ad'ma-tha, Tar'shish, Mē'rēs, Mär-sē'nā, and Mē-mū'căn, the seven princes of Persia and Mē'dī-ā, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom,)

15 What shall we do unto the queen Văsh'ti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king A-has' u-e'rus by the cham-

berlains?

16 And Mē-mū'căn answered before the king and the princes, Văsh'ti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to

17 For this deed of the queen shall

come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king A-haş'ū-e'rūs commanded Văsh'tî the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

18 Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Me'di-a say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.

19 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered. That Vash'ti come no more before king A-haş'ū-ē'rus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

20 And when the king's decree, which he shall make, shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their of the women. husbands honor, both to great and

small.

21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according

to the word of Mē-mū'can:

22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

CHAPTER 2

FTER these things, when the wrath 🕰 of king A-hăş'ū-ē'rūs was appeased, he remembered Văsh'ti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shu'shan the palace. to the house of the women, unto the custody of He'ge the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them:

4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vash'ti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 Q Now in Shu'shan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Môr'dē-cai, the son of Jā'īr, the son of Shim'e-i, the son of Kish, a Benjamite:

6 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jec'o-ni'ah king of Judah, whom Neb'ū-chăd-nez'zar the king of Babylon had carried away.

7 And he brought up Ha-das'sah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Môr'dē-caī, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

8 C So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shu'shan the palace, to the custody of Heg'a-i, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Heg'a-i, keeper

9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house

of the women.

10 Esther had not showed her people nor her kindred: for Môr'dē-caī had charged her that she should not show it.

11 And Môr'dē-caī walked every day before the court of the women's house. to know how Esther did, and what

should become of her.

12 T Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king A-has'ū-ē'rus. after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors, and with other things for the purifying of the women,)
13 Then thus came every maiden unto

the king: whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shā-ash'gaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were in the king's gate, bowed, and rever-

called by name.

15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Ab'i-hail the uncle of Môr de-cai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Heg'a-i the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

16 So Esther was taken unto king A-has'ū-ē'rus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tě-běth', in the seventh year of his

reign.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Văsh'tī.

18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants. even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Môr'de-

cal sat in the king's gate.

20 Esther had not yet showed her kindred nor her people, as Môr'dē-cai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Môr'de-cai, like as when she was brought up with him.

21 In those days, while Môr'de-cai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Big'than and Te'resh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king A-hăs' ū-ē'rŭs.

22 And the thing was known to Môr! de-cai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king

thereof in Môr'de-cai's name.

23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

CHAPTER 3

AFTER these things did king A-has'u-ē'rus promote Hā'man the son of Hām'mē-dā'tha the A'gag-īte, and ad- and there was written according to all the princes that were with him.

enced Ha'man: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Môr's de-cai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

3 Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Môr'dē-caī, Why transgressest thou the king's com-

mandment?

4 Now it came to pass, when they snake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Ha'man, to see whether Môr'dē-cai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5 And when Hā'măn saw that Môr'dēcai bowed not, nor did him reverence,

then was Ha'man full of wrath.

6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Môr'dē-caī alone; for they had showed him the people of Mor'de-cai: wherefore Ha'man sought to destroy all the lews that were throughout the whole kingdom of A-has' ū-ē'rūs, even the people of Môr'dē-cai.

7 ¶ In the first month, that is, the month Ni'san, in the twelfth year of king A-has'ū-e'rūs, they cast Pûr, that is, the lot, before Ha'man from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth

month, that is, the month \hat{A} -där'. 8 \P And \hat{H} a'man said unto king A-has'ū-ē'rŭs. There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.

9 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed; and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's

treasuries.

10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Ha'man the son of Ham'me-da'tha the A'gag-ite, the Jews' enemy.

11 And the king said unto Ha'man. The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to

thee.

12 Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, vanced him, and set his seat above all that Ha'man had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors 2 And all the king's servants, that were that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king A-has'u-e'rus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the for her people. thirteenth day of the twelfth month, 9 And Ha tach came and told Esther which is the month A-dar', and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.

15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shu'shan the palace. And the king and Ha'man sat down to drink; but the city Shu'shan was perplexed.

CHAPTER 4

A 7HEN Môr'dē-cai perceived all V that was done, Mor'de-cai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter

2 And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's

gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 I So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Môr'de-cai, and to take away his sackcloth from him:

but he received it not.

5 Then called Esther for Hā'tāch, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Môr'dēcai, to know what it was, and why it was.

6 So Hā'tāch went forth to Môr'dē-caī unto the street of the city, which was be-

fore the king's gate.

to pay to the king's treasuries for the

Jews, to destroy them.

8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shu'shan to destroy them, to show it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her. and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him

the words of Môr'de-cai.

.10 C Again Esther spake unto Ha! tăch, and gave him commandment unto Môr de-cai;

11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

12 And they told to Môr'de-cai Es-

ther's words.

13 Then Môr'dē-caī commanded to answer Esther. Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

15 I Then Esther bade them return

Môr de-cai this answer,

16 Go, gather together all the Tews that are present in Shu'shan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

17 So Môr'dē-cai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had

commanded him.

CHAPTER 5

NOW it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal 7 And Môr de-cai told him of all that apparel, and stood in the inner court of had happened unto him, and of the sum the king's house, over against the king's of the money that Ha'man had promised house: and the king sat upon his royal the gate of the house.

2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court. that she obtained favor in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to

the half of the kingdom.

4 And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Ha'man come this day unto the banquet

that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king said, Cause Hā'măn to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Ha'man came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 C And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

7 Then answered Esther, and said, My

petition and my request is:

8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Ha'man come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow as the king hath said.

9 Then went Hā'măn forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Hā'man saw Môr'dē-cai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation

against Môr'dē-caī.

10 Nevertheless Hā'mān refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Ze-

rësh his wife.

11 And Hā'măn told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

12 Hā'mān said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had the man withal whom the king delighteth prepared but myself; and to-morrow to honor, and bring him on horseback

13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so claim before him, Thus shall it be done

throne in the royal house, over against long as I see Môr'dē-cai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

14 ¶ Then said Zē'resh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak thou unto the king that Môr'dē-cai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Hā'man; and he caused the gallows to

CHAPTER 6

N that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

2 And it was found written, that Môrde-cai had told of Big-tha'na and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king A-has'ū-ē'rus.

3 And the king said, What honor and dignity hath been done to Môr'de-cai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him. There is nothing

done for him.

4 4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Ha'man was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Môr'de-cai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Ha'man standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come

6 So Hā'măn came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor? Now Hā'măn thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself?

7 And Ha'man answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to

honor.

8 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head:

9 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array am I invited unto her also with the king, through the street of the city, and pro-

Haman hanged on his own gallous

to the man whom the king delighteth to

10 Then the king said to Hā'man Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Môr'de-cai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

11 Then took Ĥā'man the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Môr'de-cai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor.

12 I And Môr'de-cai came again to the king's gate. But Hā'man hasted to his house mourning, and having his

head covered.

13 And Hā'măn told Zē'rĕsh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zē'resh his wife unto him. If Môr' de-cai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Ha'man unto the ban-

quet that Esther had prepared.

CHAPTER 7

SO the king and Hā'mān came to ban-quet with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Es-ther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom.

3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my

people at my request:

4 For we are sold, I and my people, to sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen. I had held my tongue. although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

5 ¶ Then the king Å-hăş'ū-ë'rŭs answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst

presume in his heart to do so?

6 And Esther said, The adversary and inces: enemy is this wicked Ha'man. Then 6 For how can I endure to see the evil

Hā'man was afraid before the king and the queen.

7 I And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden; and Hā'man stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen: for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king,

8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Ha'man was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth.

they covered Ha'man's face.

9 And Här-bo'nah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also the gallows fifty cubits high, which Ha'man had made for Môr'de-cai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Ha'man. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Hā'măn on the gallows that he had prepared for Môr's de-cai. Then was the king's wrath

pacified.

CHAPTER 8

N that day did the king A-has'ū-ē' rus give the house of Ha'man the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Môr de-cai came before the king: for Esther had told what he was unto

2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Hā'mān, and gave it unto Môr'dē-caī. And Esther set Môr' de-cai over the house of Ha'man.

3 I And Esther spake vet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Hā'mān the Ā'gāg-īte, and his device that he had devised against the Tews.

4 Then the king held out the golden

and stood before the king,

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Hamăn the son of Hăm'mē-dā'tha the A'găg-īte, which he wrote to destroy the Iews which are in all the king's prov-

that shall come unto my people? or how the presence of the king in royal apcan I endure to see the destruction of

my kindred?

7 Then the king A-has'ū-ë'rus said unto Esther the queen and to Môr'decal the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Ha'man, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

8 Write ye also for the Jews. as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man the Jews fell upon them.

reverse.

9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is. the month Si-van', on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Môr'de-cai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, a hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

10 And he wrote in the king A-has'uē'rus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels.

and young dromedaries:

11 Wherein the king granted the Tews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey

12 Upon one day in all the provinces of king A-has'ū-ē'rus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month,

which is the month A-dar'.

13 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at slew they; but on the spoil laid they not Shu'shan the palace.

15 Q And Môr'de-cai went out from

parel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shu'shan rejoiced and was glad.

16 The Jews had light, and gladness,

and joy, and honor.

17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of

CHAPTER O

TOW in the twelfth month, that is, the month A-dar', on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them; (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Tews had rule over them that hated them.)

2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king A-has'ū-ē'rūs, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces. and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Môr'de-cai fell upon

them.

4 For Môr'dē-cai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Môr'dē-cai waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

6 And in Shu'shan the palace the Tews slew and destroyed five hundred men. 7 And Pär'shan-da'tha, and Dal'phon.

and As-pā'tha,

8 And Po-ra'tha, and A-da'li-a, and A-rīd'a-tha.

9 And Pär-mäsh'tä, and A-rīs'ā-ī. and Ä-rīd'ā-ī, and Va-jez'a-tha,

10 The ten sons of Ha'man the son of Hăm'mē-dā'tha, the enemy of the Jews, their hand.

11 On that day the number of those

was brought before the king.

12 ¶ And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shu'shan the palace, and the ten sons of Hā'mān: what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done.

13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shu'shan to do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Hā'măn's ten sons be hanged upon the

gallows.

14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shu'shan; and they hanged Ha'man's

ten sons.

15 For the Jews that were in Shu'shan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month A-dar and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their

16 But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey,

17 On the thirteenth day of the month A-dar'; and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of

feasting and gladness.

18 But the Jews that were at Shu'shan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month A-dar' a day of gladness and feasting, and a

good day, and of sending portions one to

20 T And Môr'dē-cai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Tews that were in all the provinces of the king A-has'ū-ē'rus, both nigh and far,

21 To establish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month A-dar', and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

22 As the days wherein the Jews rested written in the book.

that were slain in Shu'shan the palace from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the

> 23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Môr de-cai had

written unto them;

24 Because Ha'man the son of Ham's mē-dā'tha, the A'gag-īte, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the lews to destroy them, and had cast Pûr. that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

25 But when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should

be hanged on the gallows.

26 Wherefore they called these days Pū'rīm after the name of Pûr. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them.

27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year;

28 And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Pu'rim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them per-

ish from their seed.

29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Ab'i-hail, and Môr'de-cai the Tew. wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Pu'rim.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of A-has'u-erus, with words of peace and truth,

31 To confirm these days of Pū'rīm in their times appointed, according as Môrde-cai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Pu'rim; and it was

CHAPTER 10

∧ ND the king Å-hăş'ū-ē'rŭs laid a A tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea.

2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the his brethren, seeking the wealth of his

king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Mē'dī-a and Persia?

3 For Môr'de-cai the Jew was next unto king A-hăş'ū-ē'rŭs, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of greatness of Môr'de-cai, whereunto the people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF JOB

CHAPTER 1

THERE was a man in the land of Uz. whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven

sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels. and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great only upon himself put not forth thine household; so that this man was the hand. So Satan went forth from the greatest of all the men of the east.

4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and ralled for their three sisters to eat and

to drink with them.

5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 C Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also

among them.

7 And the LORD said unto Satan. Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that caped alone to tell thee. feareth God, and escheweth evil?

said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands. and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse

thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; presence of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's

house:

14 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

15 And the Sa-be'ans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am es-

caped alone to tell thee.

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chalde'ans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword: and I only am es-

18 While he was yet speaking, there 9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and

drinking wine in their eldest brother's What? shall we receive good at the hand house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and wershipped,

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Job sinned not, nor

charged God foolishly.

CHAPTER 2

AGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking

up and down in it.

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man

hath will he give for his life. 5 But put forth thine hand now, and

touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. 6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Be-

hold, he is in thine hand; but save his

life.

7 T So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among

the ashes.

9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her. Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh.

of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his line.

11 ¶ Now when Jöb's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; El'i-phaz the Te'man-ite, and Bildad the Shu'hite, and Zō'phar the Nā'ama-thite': for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him, and to comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

CHAPTER 3

AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

2 And Job spake, and said, 3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light

shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it: let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary; let no

joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eves.

11 Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had

I been at rest. 14 With kings and counselors of the Eliphaz rebuketh Job. His vision

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earth, which built desolate places for themselves:

15 Or with princes that had gold, who consumed.

filled their houses with silver:

16 Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw the young lions, are broken. light.

17 There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

18 There the prisoners rest together: they hear not the voice of the oppressor. 19 The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul:

21 Which long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures:

22 Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?

23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing cometh before I eat. and my roarings are poured out like the

25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was

afraid of is come unto me. 26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble

came.

CHAPTER 4

HEN El'i-phaz the Te'man-ite answered and said,

2 If we assay to commune with thee. wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many. and thou hast strengthened the weak

4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy wavs?

7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

9 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they

10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the teeth of

11 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps are

scattered abroad.

12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

13 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men.

14 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face: the hair of my flesh stood up:

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,

17 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his

Maker?

18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with

folly:

19 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

20 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever without any

regarding it.

21 Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even without wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

ALL now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?

2 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and

envy slayeth the silly one.

3 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.

4 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.

5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up. and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robbers walloweth up their substance. 6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground:

7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the

sparks fly upward.

8 I would seek unto God, and unto God

would I commit my cause:

9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number:

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:

11 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. 12 He disappointeth the devices of the

crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

15 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity

stoppeth her mouth.

17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the

beasts of the earth.

23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the

grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.

CHAPTER 6

DUT Jöb answered and said. D 2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are

swallowed up. 4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me,

5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his

fodder?

6 Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

7 The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat. 8 Oh that I might have my request; and

that God would grant me the thing that

I long for! 9 Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his

hand, and cut me off!

10 Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

11 What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I

should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

13 Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

14 To him that is afflicted pity should be showed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty. 15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully

as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away:

16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid:

17 What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish. 19 The troops of Terma looked, the

companies of She'ba waited for them. 20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were

21 For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down, and are afraid,

22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your substance?

23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?

27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless.

and ye dig a pit for your friend.

28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you

29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness

30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

CHAPTER 7

Sthere not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?

2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as a hireling looketh for

the reward of his work;

3 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and

become loathsome.

6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good.

8 The eve of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of ness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint: 14 Then thou scarest me with dreams,

and terrifiest me through visions: 15 So that my soul chooseth strangling.

and death rather than my life.

16 I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity.

17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?

18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every

moment?

19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down

my spittle?

20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning. but I shall not be.

CHAPTER 8

THEN answered Bildad the Shu'hīte, and said.

2 How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

3 Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away for their transgression:

5 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty:

6 If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:

9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:)

10 Shall not they teach thee, and my spirit: I will complain in the bitter- tell thee, and utter words out of their

11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.

13 So are the paths of all that forget God: and the hypocrite's hope shall

perish:

14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.

15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand; he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

16 He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones. 18 If he destroy him from his place,

then it shall deny him, saying, I have

not seen thee.

19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. 20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evildoers:

21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing,

and thy lips with rejoicing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

CHAPTER 9

HEN Job answered and said, 2 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

3 If he will contend with him, he can-

not answer him one of a thousand. 4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not; which overturneth them

in his anger;

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble; 7 Which commandeth the sun, and it

riseth not; and sealeth up the stars; 8 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the

9 Which maketh Arc-tū'rus, O-rī'on, and Plē'jā-dēs, and the chambers of the

10 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

12 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him. What doest thou?

13 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under

14 How much less shall I answer him and choose out my words to reason with

him? 15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make

supplication to my judge.

16 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For he breaketh me with a tempest. and multiplieth my wounds without

cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness. 19 If I speak of strength, lo, he is

strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect.

it shall also prove me perverse. 21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my

22 This is one thing, therefore I said it. He destroyeth the perfect and the

wicked. 23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will

laugh at the trial of the innocent. 24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?

25 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

26 They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the

prey. 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and com-

fort myself;

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows. I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent. 29 If I be wicked, why then labor I in vain?

30 If I wash myself with snow water. and make my hands never so clean;

31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor

32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

twixt us, that might lay his hand upon me. us both.

and let not his fear terrify me:

35 Then would I speak, and not fear me! him; but it is not so with me.

CHAPTER 10

MY soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

me; show me wherefore thou contendest

with me.

3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou

as man seeth?

5 Are thy days as the days of man? are

thy years as man's days,

6 That thou inquirest after mine iniguity, and searchest after my sin?

7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked: and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

dost destroy me.

9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou open his lips against thee; hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and iquity deserveth. flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.

12 Thou hast granted me life and favor, and thy visitation hath preserved my

spirit. 13 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with

14 If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine

iniquity.

I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;

16 For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou showest stretch out thine hands toward him; thyself marvelous upon me.

me, and increasest thine indignation in thy tabernacles.

33 Neither is there any daysman be- upon me; changes and war are against

18 Wherefore then hast thou brought 34 Let him take his rod away from me, me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen,

> 19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,

21 Before I go whence I shall not re-2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn turn, even to the land of darkness and

the shadow of death:

22 A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

CHAPTER 11

HEN answered Zō'phar the Na'a-

L ma-thite', and said,
2 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a man full of talk

be justified? 3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockest, shall

no man make thee ashamed? 4 For thou hast said. My doctrine is

5 But oh that God would speak, and

6 And that he would show thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine in-

7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty

unto perfection?

8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?

9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

10 If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder him?

11 For he knoweth vain men: he seeth 15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if wickedness also; will he not then consider it?

12 For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.

13 If thou prepare thine heart, and

14 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it 17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against far away, and let not wickedness dwell 15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear:

16 Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that

pass away:

17 And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou

shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure, because

there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall

make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

CHAPTER 12

AND Job answered and said, 2 No doubt but ye are the people,

and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

4 I am as one mocked of his neighbor, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed

to scorn.

5 He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of

him that is at ease.

6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure;

into whose hand God bringeth abundantily.
7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and

they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea

shall declare unto thee.
9 Who knoweth not in all these that the

hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all man-

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11 Doth not the ear try words? and the

mouth taste his meat?
12 With the ancient is wisdom; and in

length of days understanding.
13 With him is wisdom and strength,
he hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.

15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.

17 He leadeth counselors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools.

18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 He remove thaway the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the

mighty.

22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations.

and straiteneth them again.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a

drunken man.

CHAPTER 13

O, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it. 2 What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty.

and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all

physicians of no value.

5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

8 Will ye accept his person? will ye con-

tend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search you

out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that

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I may speak, and let come on me what will.

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? 15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust

in him: but I will maintain mine own the ground; ways before him.

hypocrite shall not come before him.

17 Hear diligently my speech, and my

declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered mu cause: I know that I shall be justified. 19 Who is he that will plead with me?

for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

20 Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. 21 Withdraw thine hand far from me:

and let not thy dread make me afraid. 22 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression

and my sin.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?

25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniq-

nities of my youth.

stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.

28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAPTER 14

MAN that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow. and continueth not.

3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon

such a one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an

unclean? not one.

5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in

9 Yet through the scent of water it will 16 He also shall be my salvation: for a bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up;

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and re-

member me!

14 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work

of thine hands. 16 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling 27 Thou puttest my feet also in the cometh to nought, and the rock is re-

moved out of his place.

19 The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his coun-

tenance, and sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

CHAPTER 15

THEN answered El'I-phaz the Temăn-îte, and said.

2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear:

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pass away:

17 And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

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21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the

mighty.

22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations,

and straiteneth them again.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a

drunken man.

CHAPTER 13

O, mine eye hath seen all this, mine er hath heard and understood it.
2 What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.
6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken

to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?
8 Will ye accept his person? will ye con-

tend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do

secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that

Job asserteth his trust. Man's days few and full of trouble

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I may speak, and let come on me what

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand? 15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust

in him: but I will maintain mine own the ground; ways before him.

hypocrite shall not come before him. 17 Hear diligently my speech, and my

declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered mu cause; I know that I shall be justified.

19 Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

20 Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee.

21 Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid. 22 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression the days of my appointed time will I

and my sin.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?

25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniq-

uities of my youth.

27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.

28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAPTER 14

MAN that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. 2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is

cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

such a one, and bringest me into judg- mourn. ment with thee? 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an

unclean? not one.

5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass:

6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in

9 Yet through the scent of water it will 16 He also shall be my salvation: for a bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and re-

member me!

14 If a man die, shall he live again? all wait, till my change come.

15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work

of thine hands. 16 For now thou numberest my steps:

dost thou not watch over my sin? 17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

19 The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his coun-

tenance, and sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have 3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon pain, and his soul within him shall

CHAPTER 15

THEN answered El'i-phaz the Te-, măn-îte, and said,

2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and re-

strainest prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity. and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills?

8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not? what understandest thou, which is not in us?

10 With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

11 Are the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth?

14 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman.

that he should be righteous? 15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean

in his sight. 16 How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity

like water? 17 I will show thee, hear me; and that

which I have seen I will declare: 18 Which wise men have told from

their fathers, and have not hid it:

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among swerest?

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is

hidden to the oppressor.

21 A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destreyer shall come upon mouth, and the moving of my lips should him.

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand

against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

27 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on his flanks.

28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities. and in houses which no man inhabiteth. which are ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness: the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recom-

pense.

32 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green. 33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

34 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume

the tabernacles of bribery.
35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

CHAPTER 16

THEN Job answered and said, 2 I have heard many such things:

miserable comforters are ye all. 3 Shall vain words have an end? or

what emboldeneth thee that thou an-

4 I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

5 But I would strengthen you with my assuage your grief.

6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged: and though I forbear, what am T eased?

7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

9 He teareth me in his wrath, who

hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with sorrow, and all my members are as a his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his shadow. eves upon me.

their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands

of the wicked.

12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my

gall upon the ground.

14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach; he runneth upon me like a giant. 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.

16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death:

also my prayer is pure.

18 O earth, cover not thou my blood.

and let my cry have no place.

19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

20 My friends scorn me: but mine eye

poureth out tears unto God.

21 Oh that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor!

22 When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not

return.

CHAPTER 17

MY breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me. 2 Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?

3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he that will strike

hands with me?

4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them.

5 He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a

7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of side.

8 Upright men shall be astonished at 10 They have gaped upon me with this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

> 9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

> 10 But as for you all, do ve return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise

man among you.

11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness.

13 If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

14 I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

15 And where is now my hope? as for

my hope, who shall see it?

16 They shall go down to the bars of the 17 Not for any injustice in mine hands: pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

CHAPTER 18

THEN answered Bildad the Shu'hite. and said.

2 How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterward we will speak.

3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts. and reputed vile in your sight?

4 He teareth himself in his anger: shall

the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his taber-

nacle, and his candle shall be put out with him. 7 The steps of his strength shall be

straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

9 The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him. 10 The snare is laid for him in the

ground, and a trap for him in the way. 11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his

12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and destruction shall be ready at his 13 It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength.

14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him

to the king of terrors.

15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

19 He shall neither have son nor

nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that

knoweth not God.

CHAPTER 19

THEN Jöb answered and said, 2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

3 These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me.

4 And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.

5 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my

reproach;

6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.

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8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.

9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto

him as one of his enemies.

12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

Job declareth that his Redeemer liveth

13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.

16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I entreated him with my

mouth.

17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the children's sake of mine own body.

18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.

19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin

of my teeth.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 Oh that my words were now written!
oh that they were printed in a book!
24 That they were graven with an iron

pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25 For I know that my Redeemer liveth.

and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
26 And though after my skin worms de-

stroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I

see God:

27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. 28 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

CHAPTER 20

THEN answered Zō'phàr the Na'à-

ma-thite', and said,

2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste. 3 I have heard the check of my re-

proach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer. 4 Knowest thou not this of old, since

man was placed upon earth,

5 That the triumphing of the wicked is

short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds:

7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him is left in his tabernacle. shall say, Where is he?

8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

9 The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

10 His children shall seek to please the

poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

11 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

not, but keep it still within his mouth; 14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall

cast them out of his belly. 16 He shall suck the poison of asps: the

viper's tongue shall slay him.

floods, the brooks of honey and butter. 18 That which he labored for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down: according to his substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice therein.

19 Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away a house which he

builded not;

20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which in a moment go down to the grave. he desired.

21 There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods. 22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the serve him? and what profit should we wicked shall come upon him.

23 When he is about to fill his belly. God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon the counsel of the wicked is far from me. him, and shall rain it upon him while he

is eating.

24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him sorrows in his anger. through.

25 It is drawn, and cometh out of the for a moment?

Though his excellency mount up to out of his gall: terrors are upon him.

26 All darkness shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that

27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity: and the earth shall rise up against him. 28 The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed

unto him by God.

CHAPTER 21

DUT Jöb answered and said. D 2 Hear diligently my speech, and

let this be your consolations. 3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after

that I have spoken, mock on.

4 As for me, is my complaint to man? 13 Though he spare it, and forsake it and if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?

5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lav

your hand upon your mouth.

6 Even when I remember I am afraid. and trembling taketh hold on my flesh. 7 Wherefore do the wicked live, be-

come old, yea, are mighty in power? 8 Their seed is established in their 17 He shall not see the rivers, the sight with them, and their offspring before their eves.

9 Their houses are safe from fear, nei-

ther is the rod of God upon them. 10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

13 They spend their days in wealth, and

14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us: for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

15 What is the Almighty, that we should

have, if we pray unto him?

16 Lo, their good is not in their hand: 17 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth

18 They are as stubble before the wind,

and as chaff that the storm carrieth

19 God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction. and he shall drink of the wrath of the

Almighty.

21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

22 Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

26 They shall lie down alike in the dust,

and the worms shall cover them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling

places of the wicked?

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,

30 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought

forth to the day of wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done?

32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth

falsehood?

CHAPTER 22

HEN Ĕl'ī-phăz the Tē'măn-īte answered and said,

2 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect?

4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with the into judgment?

Elibhaz urgeth Job to return to the Lord 5 Is not thy wickedness great? and

thine iniquities infinite? 6 For thou hast taken a pledge from the

brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

7 Thou hast not given water to the

weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honorable man dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

10 Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee: 11 Or darkness, that thou canst not see:

and abundance of waters cover thee. 12 Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

13 And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark

cloud?

14 Thick clouds are a covering to him. that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.

15 Hast thou marked the old way which

wicked men have trodden?

16 Which were cut down out of time. whose foundation was overflown with a

17 Which said unto God. Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?

18 Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19 The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

20 Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart

23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of O'phir as the stones of the brooks.

25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defense, and thou shalt have plenty of

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight

Job would plead before God. The acts of the wicked

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in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the

light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pure-

ness of thine hands.

CHAPTER 23

THEN Job answered and said, 2 Even to-day is my complaint

1 2 Even to-day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! 4 I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

6 Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put

strength in me.
7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for

ever from my judge.

8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him:

10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth

as gold.

11 My foot hath held his steps, his way

have I kept, and not declined.

12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth,

even that he doeth.

14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me; and many such things are with him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. 16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.

CHAPTER 24

WHY, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

2 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.

3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves

together.

5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.

6 They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the

wicked.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for

want of a shelter.

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;

11 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer

thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded criefh out: yet

God layeth not folly to them.

13 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof,

nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the

night is as a thief.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying. No eye shall see

me: and disguiseth his face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the

light.
17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them,

they are in the terrors of the shadow of

death.

18 He is swift as the waters: their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which

have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure

of life.

23 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes

are upon their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech

nothing worth?

CHAPTER 25

HEN answered Bildad the Shu'hite. and said.

2 Dominion and fear are with him; he maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise? 4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure

in his sight.

6 How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?

CHAPTER 26

BUT Job answered and said, 2 How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

3 How hast thou counseled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

Job holdeth fast to his righteousness

6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them

9 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it. 10 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble, and

are astonished at his reproof.

12 He divideth the sea with his power. and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

13 By his Spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the

crooked serpent.

14 Lo, these are parts of his ways; but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

CHAPTER 27

MOREOVER Job continued his par-able, and said,

2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul:

3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

4 My lips shall not speak wickedness,

nor my tongue utter deceit.

5 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will

not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked. and he that riseth up against me as the

unrighteous. 8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite.

though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?

9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?

10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God? 11 I will teach you by the hand of God:

that which is with the Almighty will I not

12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen 5 Dead things are formed from under it; why then are ye thus altogether vain? 13 This is the portion of a wicked man sors, which they shall receive of the thing. Almighty.

14 If his children be multiplied. it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be

satisfied with bread.

15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.

16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay: 17 He may prepare it, but the just shall nut it on, and the innocent shall divide

the silver.

18 He buildeth his house as a moth. and as a booth that the keeper maketh.

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not.

20 Terrors take hold on him as waters. a tempest stealeth him away in the

night.

21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth; and as a storm hurl-

eth him out of his place. 22 For God shall cast upon him, and it, neither shall it be valued with pure not spare: he would fain flee out of his

hand. 23 Men shall clap their hands at him. and shall hiss him out of his place.

CHAPTER 28

CURELY there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.

brass is molten out of the stone.

3 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the inthe foot: they are dried up, they are gone thunder: away from men.

bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires; and it hath dust of gold.

7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eve hath not seen:

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. 9 He putteth forth his hand upon the

rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

10 He cutteth out rivers among the

with God, and the heritage of oppres- rocks; and his eye seeth every precious

11 He bindeth the floods from over-

flowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the

living. 14 The depth saith. It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

15 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of O'phir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. 17 The gold and the crystal cannot

equal it: and the exchange of it shall not

be for jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral. or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal

20 Whence then cometh wisdom? and

where is the place of understanding? 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of

the air. 22 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way thereof. 2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven: 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When he made a decree for the rain, habitant; even the waters forgotten of and a way for the lightning of the

27 Then did he see it, and declare it: 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. 28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

CHAPTER 29

OREOVER Job continued his parable, and said,

2 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

3 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

4 As I was in the days of my youth,

when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle:

5 When the Almighty was yet with me. when my children were about me:

6 When I washed my steps with butter. and the rock poured me out rivers of oil:

7 When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!

themselves: and the aged arose, and

stood up. 9 The princes refrained talking, and and juniper roots for their meat.

laid their hand on their mouth. 10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me,

it gave witness to me: 12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

15 I was eves to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. 17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked,

and plucked the spoil out of his teeth. 18 Then I said. I shall die in my nest. and I shall multiply my days as the

sand. 19 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my

branch. 20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.

23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not: and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

CHAPTER 30

OT now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

2 Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age

was perished?

3 For want and famine they were soli-8 The young men saw me, and hid tary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste:

4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes.

5 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief,)

6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys. in caves of the earth, and in the rocks. 7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

8 They were children of fools, yea. children of base men: they were viler

than the earth. 9 And now am I their song, yea, I am

their byword.

10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

12 Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

13 They mar my path, they set forward. my calamity, they have no helper.

14 They came ubon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.

15 Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

16 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews takeno rest.

18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.

21 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.

His integrity and kindness

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causest me to ride upon it, and dissolv- increase. est my substance.

to death, and to the house appointed for they contended with me:

all living.

hand to the grave, though they cry in shall I answer him? his destruction.

trouble? was not my soul grieved for the fashion us in the womb?

poor?

came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.

28 I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.

20 I am a brother to dragons, and a

companion to owls.

30 My skin is black upon me, and my

bones are burned with heat.

31 My harp also is turned to mourning. and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

CHAPTER 31

MADE a covenant with mine eyes: why then should I think upon a maid? 2 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

3 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of have said to the fine gold, Thou art my

iniquity?

4 Doth not he see my ways, and count

all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my

foot hath hasted to deceit: 6 Let me be weighed in an even bal-

ance, that God may know mine integrity. 7 If my step hath turned out of the way. and mine heart walked after mine eves, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands:

8 Then let me sow, and let another eat: vea, let my offspring be rooted out.

9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbor's door;

10 Then let my wife grind unto another. and let others bow down upon her.

11 For this is a heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the

12 For it is a fire that consumeth to traveler.

22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou destruction, and would root out all mine

13 If I did despise the cause of my 23 For I know that thou wilt bring me manservant or of my maidservant, when

14 What then shall I do when God 24 Howbeit he will not stretch out his riseth up? and when he visiteth. what

15 Did not he that made me in the 25 Did not I weep for him that was in womb make him? and did not one

16 If I have withheld the poor from 26 When I looked for good, then evil their desire, or have caused the eyes of

the widow to fail:

17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof:

18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb:)

19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering: 20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of

my sheep;

21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:

22 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken

from the bone.

23 For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

24 If I have made gold my hope, or

confidence;

25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much:

26 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness;

27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand: 28 This also were an iniquity to be bunished by the judge: for I should have de-

nied the God that is above. 29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of

him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:

30 (Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.)

31 If the men of my tabernacle said not. Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

32 The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to the

33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my

34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the

35 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had

written a book.

36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me. 37 I would declare unto him the num-

ber of my steps; as a prince would I go

near unto him.

38 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;

39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the own-

ers thereof to lose their life:

40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

CHAPTER 32

SO these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his

own eyes.

2 Then was kindled the wrath of E-li'hū the son of Băr'a-chel the Buz'ite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned

Töb.

4 Now E-lī'hū had waited till Jōb had spoken, because they were elder

than he.

5 When E-li'hū saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men,

then his wrath was kindled

6 And E-li'hū the son of Băr'à-chĕl the Buz'ite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not show you mine opinion.

7 I said. Days should speak, and mul-

titude of years should teach wisdom. 8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

9 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. 10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I

also will show mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words: 7 gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.

12 Yea, I attended unto you, and behold. there was none of you that convinced Tob. or that answered his

13 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down. not man.

14 Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him

with your speeches.

15 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.

16 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more,)

17 I said, I will answer also my part: I also will show mine opinion.

18 For I am full of matter; the spirit

within me constraineth me.

19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person; neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my Maker would soon take me away.

CHAPTER 33

WHEREFORE, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my

mouth.

3 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

5 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up

6 Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the

7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,

9 I am clean without transgression. I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me. 10 Behold, he findeth occasions against

me, he counteth me for his enemy; 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he

marketh all my paths.

12 Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

13 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his

matters.

14 For God speaketh once, yea twice.

yet man perceiveth it not.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night. when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; 16 Then he openeth the ears of men.

and sealeth their instruction.

17 That he may withdraw man from his

purpose, and hide pride from man. 18 He keepeth back his soul from the

pit, and his life from perishing by the sword. 19 He is chastened also with pain upon

his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

20 So that his life abhorreth bread, and

his soul dainty meat.

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show unto man his uprightness:

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of

his youth:

26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favorable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man shall turn again unto dust. man his righteousness.

27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. 29 Lo, all these things worketh God

oftentimes with man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living. not the persons of princes, nor regardeth hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee. 33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy

peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom. CHAPTER 34

URTHERMORE É-li'hū answered

and said.

2 Hear my words. O ve wise men: and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge. 3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.

4 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.

6 Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.

7 What man is like Job, who drinketh

up scorning like water?

8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.

9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself

with God.

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

11 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to

find according to his ways.

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the

whole world?

14 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his

15 All flesh shall perish together, and

16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is

most just?

18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes. Ye are ungodly? 19 How much less to him that accepteth 31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into

judgment with God.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore he knoweth their works. and he overturneth them in the night.

so that they are destroyed.

26 He striketh them as wicked men in mighty. the open sight of others;

27 Because they turned back from him. and would not consider any of his ways: 28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth

the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

30 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the

people be ensnared.

31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God. I have borne chastisement. I will not offend any more:

32 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

33 Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.

34 Let men of understanding tell me. and let a wise man hearken unto me.

35 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

36 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end, because of his answers for wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin. he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

CHAPTER 35

'-LI'HU spake moreover, and said, 2 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's?

it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin?

4 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

5 Look unto the heavens, and see: and behold the clouds which are higher than

thou

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness man

brofit the son of man. 9 By reason of the multitude of oppres. sions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the

10 But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night:

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men. 13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him:

therefore trust thou in him.

15 But now, because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth if not in great extremity:

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain: he multiplieth words without

knowledge.

CHAPTER 36

¬-LI'HŪ also proceeded, and said, E 2 Suffer me a little, and I will show thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.

3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar. and will ascribe righteousness to my

Maker. 4 For truly my words shall not be false:

he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee. 5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth

not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them 3 For thou saidst, What advantage will for ever, and they are exalted.

be holden in cords of affliction:

o Then he showeth them their work. and their transgressions that they have it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.

10 He openeth also their ear to disci- he giveth meat in abundance. pline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they obey not, they shall per- vapor. ish by the sword, and they shall die with-

out knowledge. 13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth

among the unclean.

15 He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppres- heaven, and his lightning unto the ends sion.

16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, with the voice of his excellency: and he where there is no straitness; and that will not stay them when his voice is which should be set on thy table should heard. be full of fatness.

of the wicked: judgment and justice cannot comprehend.

take hold on thee.

he take thee away with his stroke: then to the great rain of his strength. a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

19 Will he esteem thy riches? no, not that all men may know his work. gold, nor all the forces of strength.

20 Desire not the night, when people remain in their places.

are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for wind: and cold out of the north. this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: straitened.

who teacheth like him?

23 Who hath enjoined him his way? thick cloud: he scattereth his bright or who can say, Thou hast wrought cloud: iniquity?

work, which men behold.

25 Every man may see it; man may the world in the earth. behold it afar off.

26 Behold. God is great, and we know for correction, or for his land, or for him not, neither can the number of his mercy.

vears be searched out.

water: they pour down rain according to of God. the vapor thereof:

upon man abundantly.

29 Also can any understand the spread- 16 Dost thou know the balancings of

8 And if they be bound in fetters, and ings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon 31 For by them judgeth he the people:

32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the

cloud that cometh betwixt.

33 The noise thereof showeth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the

CHAPTER 37

AT this also my heart trembleth, and A is moved out of his place.

2 Hear attentively the noise of his 14 They die in youth, and their life is voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.

3 He directeth it under the whole

of the earth.

4 After it a voice roareth; he thundereth

5 God thundereth marvelously with his 17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment voice; great things doeth he, which we

6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on 18 Because there is wrath, beware lest the earth; likewise to the small rain, and

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man:

8 Then the beasts go into dens. and

9 Out of the south cometh the whirl-

10 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is

11 Also by watering he wearieth the

12 And it is turned round about by his 24 Remember that thou magnify his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of

13 He causeth it to come, whether

14 Hearken unto this, O Tob: stand 27 For he maketh small the drops of still, and consider the wondrous works.

15 Dost thou know when God disposed 28 Which the clouds do drop and distil them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

which is perfect in knowledge?

17 How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind?

18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking-glass?

19 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swal-

lowed up. 21 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind

passeth, and cleanseth them. 22 Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of

heart.

CHAPTER 38

*HEN the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man: for I will demand of thee, and answer thou and war? me.

4 Where wast thou when I laid the which scattereth the east wind upon the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou

hast understanding.
5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof:

7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or who shut up the sea with doors. when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it.

10 And brake up for it my decreed blace, and set bars and doors.

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

12 Hast thou commanded the morning

the clouds, the wondrous works of him since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might he

shaken out of it?

14 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all. 19 Where is the way where light dwell-

eth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,

20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof? 21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast

then born? or because the number of thy days is great? 22 Hast thou entered into the treasures

of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail. 23 Which I have reserved against the

time of trouble, against the day of battle 24 By what way is the light parted,

earth? 25 Who hath divided a watercourse for

the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?

30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Plē'ia-dēs, or loose the bands of

O-rī'ŏn? 32 Canst thou bring forth Maz'za-roth in his season? or canst thou guide Arctū'rūs with his sons?

33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may

cover thee?

35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee. Here we are?

parts? or who hath given understanding

to the heart?

37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,

38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together? 39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion?

or fill the appetite of the young lions, 40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God. they wander for lack of meat.

CHAPTER 39

K NOWEST thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? or knowest thou the time

when they bring forth?

3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast out their sorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth. and return not unto them.

5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the bands of the wild

6 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his dwellings.

7 He scorneth the multitude of the city. neither regardeth he the crying of the driver.

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after every green thing.

o Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou leave thy labor to him?

12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?

13 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?

14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth.

and warmeth them in the dust.

15 And forgetteth that the foot may 36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.

16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers; her

labor is in vain without fear:

17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his

rider.

19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder? 20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is

terrible. 21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength; he goeth on to

meet the armed men.

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver rattleth against him, the

glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha! and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom. and stretch her wings toward the south? 27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy com-

mand, and make her nest on high? 28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the

strong place. 29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eves behold afar off.

30 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.

CHAPTER 40

OREOVER the LORD answered VI Tob, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth. God, let him answer it.

3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said.

4 Behold, I am vile: what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my

5 Once have I spoken: but I will not answer: vea. twice: but I will proceed no further.

6 II Then answered the LORD unto

Tob out of the whirlwind, and said, 7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I

unto me. 8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment?

wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest

be righteous? 9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory irons? or his head with fish spears? and beauty.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and

abase him.

12 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together: and

bind their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee. 15 C Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an

16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped to-

gether. 18 His bones are as strong pieces of air can come between them.

brass; his bones are like bars of iron. he that made him can make his sword to sundered.

approach unto him.

forth food, where all the beasts of the morning. field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees, in and sparks of fire leap out. the covert of the reed, and fens.

shadow: the willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Tordan into his mouth.

pierceth through snares.

CHAPTER 41

ANST thou draw out leviathan with a hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

2 Canst thou put a hook into his nose?

or bore his jaw through with a thorn? 3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto

thee? 4 Will he make a covenant with thee?

will demand of thee, and declare thou wilt thou take him for a servant for ever? 5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

> 6 Shall the companions make a hanquet of him? shall they part him among

the merchants?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed

8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me? 11 Who hath prevented me, that I

should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can discover the face of his (arment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about.

15 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no

17 They are joined one to another, they 19 He is the chief of the ways of God: stick together, that they cannot be

18 By his sneezings a light doth shine. 20 Surely the mountains bring him and his eyes are like the eyelids of the

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps,

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as

22 The shady trees cover him with their out of a seething pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

23 The flakes of his flesh are joined to-24 He taketh it with his eyes: his nose gether: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea. as hard as a piece of the nether mill-

25 When he raiseth up himself, the stone. mighty are afraid: by reason of break-

ings they purify themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and

brass as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee: sling stones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear. 30 Sharp stones are under him; he

spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the

mire. 31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of

ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoarv.

33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.

CHAPTER 42

HEN Job answered the LORD, and

2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be with-

holden from thee.

3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will

speak: I will demand of thee, and de-

clare thou unto me.

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee: 6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and re-

pent in dust and ashes.

7 ¶ And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to El'i-phaz the Te'man-ite,

My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that we have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

9 So El'i-phaz the Te'man-ite and Bildad the Shu'hite and Zô'phar the Na'ama-thite' went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also

accepted Tob.

10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much

as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Tob more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three

daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first. Jē-mī'ma; and the name of the second, Kē-zī'a; and the name of the third, Kěr'ěn-hăp'půch.

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance

among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

17 So Job died, being old and full of

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

PSATM 1

DLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate

day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth

away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly

shall perish.

PSALM 2

WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his

Anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder.

and cast away their cords from us. laugh: the Lord shall have them in

derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my King upon my holy

hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy

possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and reioice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Ab'sa-lom his

ORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God.

Sē'lah.

3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked: for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Se'lah.

PSALM 4

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall To the chief Musician on NegT-noth, A Psaim of

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?

Sē'lāh. 3 But know that the Lord hath set

apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him. 4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune

with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Se'lah.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

and put your trust in the LORD.

6 There be many that say, Who will show us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,

more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

To the chief Musician upon Ne'hi-löth, A Psaim of David.

TVE ear to my words, O LORD; con-I sider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall

evil dwell with thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody

and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre: they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy thou them, O God: let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, hecause thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

PSALM 6

To the chief Musician on Neg'i-noth upon Shem'i-nith, A Psalm of David.

LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water

my couch with my tears. 7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the

voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer. 10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

Shig-ga'jon of David, which he sang unto the Lord, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this: if there be iniquity in my hands:

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust. Sē'lah.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes

therefore return thou on high.

8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts

and reins.

10 My defense is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made

it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity and hath conceived mischief,

brought forth falsehood.

15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall

come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

PSAT.M &

To the chief Musician upon Git'tith, A Psalm of David.

LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained:

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou

visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast

put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the

beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through

the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is God.

thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

To the chief Musician upon Müth-läb'ben, A Psalm of David.

WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I men. Se'lah.

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God will sing praise to thy name. O thou Most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back

they shall fall and perish at thy pres-

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause: thou satest in the throne judging right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou and hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is per-

ished with them. 7 But the LORD shall endure for ever-

he hath prepared his throne for judg. ment. 8 And he shall judge the world in

righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD,

hast not forsaken them that seek thee. 11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them; he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me un from the gates of death:

14 That I may show forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I

will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Hĩg-gã'iŏn. Sē'lah.

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy

sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but

PSALM 10

WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God:

God is not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them. 6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in

adversity. 7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit

and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity. 8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are

privily set against the poor. 9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in

his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he

draweth him into his net. 10 He croucheth, and humbleth him-

self, that the poor may fall by his strong neighbor: with flattering lips and with ones. 11 He hath said in his heart, God hath

forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart,

Thou wilt not require it. 14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself

unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

16 The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land. 17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their

heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: 18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM 11

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. N the LORD put I my trust: how say

ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what

can the righteous do?

4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares. fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM 12

To the chief Musician upon Shem'i-nith, A Psalm of David.

TELP, LORD; for the godly man II ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud 4 Who have said, With our tongue will

we prevail: our lips are our own: who is

lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD: I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of

earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM 13

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

TOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me

3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the

sleep of death;

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have pre-vailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. 5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my

heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek

God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none

that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge. 7 Oh that the salvation of Is'rā-ĕl were

come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Iş'rā-ĕl shall be glad.

PSALM 15

A Psalm of David.

ORD, who shall abide in thy taber-nacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the

truth in his heart.

3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned: but he honoreth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own word of thy lips I have kept me from

hurt, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM 16 Mich'tam of David.

DRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness

extendeth not to thee:

3 But to the saints that are in the earth. and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer. nor take up their names into my lins.

5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou main-

tainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant blaces; yea, I have a goodly heritage. 7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given

me counsel: my reins also instruct me

in the night seasons.

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand. I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also shall rest

in hope. 10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy

One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM 17 A Prayer of David.

HEAR the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry; give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the

things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night: thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing: I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the the paths of the destroyer.

my footsteps slip not. 6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto

me, and hear my speech.

7 Show thy marvelous loving-kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

o From the wicked that oppress me. from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking

in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the

wicked, which is thy sword: 14 From men which are thy hand, O

LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. 15 As for me, I will behold thy face in

righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when

I awake, with thy likeness.

PSALM 18

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who spake unto the Lord the words of this song in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and from my God. my high tower.

worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from me.

from mine enemies.

rom mine enemies.

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me utraid.

23 I was also upright be me hope 28 I was also upright be me hope 29 I was also upright be me hope and the floods of ungodly men made me

and the moots of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented about: the snares of death prevented 25 With the merc compassed me:

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones

and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out light-

nings, and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he

drew me out of many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of m calamity: but the LORD was my stay 19 He brought me forth also into a la

place; he delivered me, because re

delighted in me.

20 The LORD rewarded me acc. A; a WILL love thee, O LORD, my to my righteousness; according the cleanness of my hands hath he me to

pensed me. 21 For I have kept the was shake

LORD, and have not wickedly would

22 For all his judgments in, seeing 3 I will call upon the LORD, who is me, and I did not put away me out of

6 In my distress I called upon the thyself merciful; compassed met LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard thou wilt show thy an have beset me

26 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt show thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my dark-

29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

31 For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?

32 It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. 33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet,

and setteth me upon my high places. 34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine

arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under

me, that my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my

feet.

39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy

them that hate me.

41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them

out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall sub-

mit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

The heavens declare the glory of God

46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my Rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man,

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and

sing praises unto thy name.

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and showeth mercy to his anointed. to David, and to his seed for evermore.

PSALM 19

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HE heavens declare the glory of L God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language. where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong

man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the

simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right. rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be up-

great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Tacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary. and strengthen thee out of Zion:

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Se'lah.

4 Grant thee according to thine own

heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. 5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and

in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his

right hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM 21

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how

greatly shall he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Se'lah.

3 For thou preventest him with the the head, saying, blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and

5 His glory is great in thy salvation: honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD. and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine

right, and I shall be innocent from the enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the

children of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device. which they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy

power.

PSALM 22

To the chief Musician upon Ai'jē-lēth Shā'har, A Psalm of David.

MY God, my God, why hast thou for-saken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 0 my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night sea-

son, and am not silent.

3 But thou art holy, O thou that in-habitest the praises of Is'rā-ĕl.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. 5 They cried unto thee, and were de-

livered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake

8 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing

he delighted in him. 9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Ba'shan have beset me

13 They gaped upon me with their

mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my hones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the

dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look thy staff they comfort me.

and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O

LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congrega-

tion will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Is'rā-ēl.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows

before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations.

29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a genera-

tion.

31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still

waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his

name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup run-

neth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

PSALM 24 A Psalm of David.

THE earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lorn? or who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the

God of his salvation.

6This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Scilat. 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in

battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Se'lah.

PSALM 25

A Psalm of David.

UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not

he ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be shamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 Show me thy ways, O LORD: teach

me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation: on thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses; for

they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth. nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

8 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

o The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease: and his

seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies: for they are many; and they hateme with cruel hatred. 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust

in thee. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Is'rā-ĕl, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26 A Psalm of David.

TUDGE me, O LORD; for I have sing praises unto the LORD. walked in mine integrity: I have shall not slide.

2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;

try my reins and my heart. 3 For thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy

4 I have not sat with vain persons. neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have hated the congregation of evildoers; and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 LORD. I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

10 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

11 But as for me. I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

> PSALM 27 A Psalm of David.

HE LORD is my light and my salva-L tion; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD. that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall

set me up upon a rock. 6 And now shall mine head be lifted up

above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my trusted also in the LORD: therefore I voice: have mercy also upon me, and

answer me.

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me. O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take

me un.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine

enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe

out cruelty.

13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the

land of the living.

14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM 28 A Psalm of David.

UNTO thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my

hands toward thy holy oracle.

3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

5 Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplica-

tions.

7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever. PSALM 29 A Psalm of David.

GIVE unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the

beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth; the LORD is upon many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Si'ri-on like a young

unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD divideth the

flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kā'děsh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto

his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSALM 30

A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David.

WILL extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee.

and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my
soul from the grave: thou hast kept me
alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remem-

brance of his holiness.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall

never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong; thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled. LORD I made supplication.

9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness: 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSALM 31

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for a

house of defense to save me. 3 For thou art my rock and my fortress: therefore for thy name's sake lead me.

and guide me. 4 Pull me out of the net that they have

laid privily for me: for thou art my strength. 5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit:

thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

mercy: for thou hast considered my in the LORD. trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my

feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me. O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly. 10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my

bones are consumed. 11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of uity of my sin. Se'lah. mind: I am like a broken vessel.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the they took counsel together against me. they devised to take away my life.

14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I

said, Thou art my God.

15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and

from them that persecute me.

16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. 17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD: for he hath showed me his marvelous kindness in a

strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and

24 Be of good courage, and he shall 7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy strengthen your heart, all ye that hope

PSALM 32

A Psalm of David, Mas'chil.

LESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Se'lah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniq-

6 For this shall every one that is godly 13 For I have heard the slander of pray unto thee in a time when thou maymany: fear was on every side: while est be found: surely in the floods of

Sonas of rejoicing and braise great waters they shall not come nigh looketh upon all the inhabitants of the

unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place: thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Se'lah.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide

thee with mine eve.

9 Be ve not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto in his mercy;

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM 33

DETOICE in the LORD, O we right-R eous: for praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instru-

ment of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them

by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap; he laveth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let heard him, and saved him out of all his all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the

devices of the people of none effect. 11 The counsel of the LORD standeth

for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is

the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he

earth. 15 He fashioneth their hearts alike: he

considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great

strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is

our help and our shield. 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him. because we have trusted in his holy

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us. according as we hope in thee.

PSALM 34

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before A-bim'-ĕlēch; who drove him away, and he departed.

WILL bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof. and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let

us exalt his name tagether.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked unto him, and were

lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD

troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that desireth life,

A prayer for deliverance from enemies and loveth many days, that he may see

good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek that spoileth him?

peace, and pursue it.

righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against

brance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD returned into mine own bosom. heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such his mother.

as be of a contrite spirit.

out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: not one

of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. servants: and none of them that trust in my darling from the lions. him shall be desolate.

PSALM 35 A Psalm of David.

DLEAD my cause, O LORD, with against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and

stand up for mine help. 3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to con-

fusion that devise my hurt.

and let the angel of the LORD chase and my Lord. them. .

6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute not rejoice over me. them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him

11 False witnesses did rise up; they 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the laid to my charge things that I knew not. 12 They rewarded me evil for good to

the spoiling of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick, them that do evil, to cut off the remem- my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer

14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, 10 Many are the afflictions of the and gathered themselves together: yea. righteous: but the LORD delivereth him the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. 17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his rescue my soul from their destructions,

> 18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among

much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let I them that strive with me: fight them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them

that are quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22 This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: judgment, even unto my cause, my God

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah. so would we have it: let them not say,

We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and brought 8 Let destruction come upon him at to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let PSALMS 35-37 Evildoers to be cut down. The righteous upheld by the Lord

them say continually, Let the LORD be prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the

day long.

PSALM 36

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.

HE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be

hateful.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not

good; he abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How excellent is thy loving-kindness. O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the

wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM 37 A Psalm of David.

RET not thyself because of evil-I doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily

thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and magnified, which hath pleasure in the he shall give thee the desires of thine

> 5 Commit thy way unto the LORD: trust also in him; and he shall bring

it to pass.

6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment

as the noonday.

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the

abundance of peace.

12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh at him: for he

seeth that his day is coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slav such as be of upright conversation.

15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be

broken.

16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be

for ever.

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume: into smoke shall they consume away.

21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous showeth

mercy, and giveth.

22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his

way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am old: vet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth:

and his seed is blessed.

27 Depart from evil, and do good; and

dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

29 The righteous shall inherit the land.

and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

31 The law of his God is in his heart:

none of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous. and seeketh to slay him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way. and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see if.

35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a

green bay tree.

36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not

be found.

37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

38 But the transgressors shall be destroved together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the

time of trouble.

40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them; he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because wrongfully are multiplied. they trust in him.

PSALM 38

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance. LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt

because of my foolishness.

6 I am troubled: I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no sound-

ness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of

my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee: and my groaning is not hid from thee. 10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me; as for the light of mine eyes, it

also is gone from me. 11 My lovers and my friends stand

aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen.

stand afar off. 12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not

his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou

wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me. 17 For I am ready to halt, and my sor-

row is continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity: I will be sorry for my sin. 19 But mine enemies are lively, and

they are strong: and they that hate me

20 They also that render evil for good. are mine adversaries; because I follow

the thing that good is. 21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God.

be not far from me. 22 Make haste to help me. O Lord my salvation.

PSALM 39

To the chief Musician, even to Jê-dû'thûn, A Psalm of David.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, I that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow

was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue,

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Se'läh.

6 Surely every man walketh in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my

hope is in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;

because thou didst it.

10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Se'lah.

12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears; for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

13 O spare me, that I may recover

strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM 40

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

WAITED patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

A prayer for help and deliverance

4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and
thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they
cannot be reckoned up in order unto
thee: if I would declare and speak of
them, they are more than can be
numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou

not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually pre-

serve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head; therefore my heart faileth me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me:

O LORD, make haste to help me.

14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy

salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I am poor and needy; yet the

Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM 41

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

PLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

Hope in God. His loving-kindness

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed weep the earth; and thou wilt not deliver for the help of his countenance, him unto the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make

all his bed in his sickness.

4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish? 6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he tell-

7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise

my hurt.

8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he

shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite

11 By this I know that thou favorest me. because mine enemy doth not triumph

over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Is'ra-ël from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 42

To the chief Musician, Măs'chil, for the sons of Kō'rah.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the liv-

ing God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? them out.

and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermon-

ites, from the hill Mi'zar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the LORD will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 43

TUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM 44

To the chief Musician for the sons of Kö'rah, Mas'chil. TE have heard with our ears, O VV God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command sion? deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither

shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Se'lah.

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our

armies. 10 Thou makest us to turn back from

the enemy; and they which hate us spoil for themselves. 11 Thou hast given us like sheep ab-

pointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thu wealth by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and a derision to

them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath cov-

ered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we

dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us

with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

the day long; we are counted as sheen for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord?

arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppres-

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth. 26 Arise for our help, and redeem us

for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

To the chief Musician upon Shō-shān'nīm, for the sons of Kō'rah, Mās'chil, A Song of loves.

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy

majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously. because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the

people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God. hath anointed thee with the oil of glad-

ness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad. 9 Kings' daughters were among thy

honorable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of O'phir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider,

and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

13 The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the King 22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all in raiment of needlework: the virgins

her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM 46

To the chief Musician for the sons of Kō'rāh, A Song upon Al'a-mōth.

OD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Se'lah.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holv blace of the tabernacles of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and

that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Tacob is our refuge. Se'lah.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will

be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge. Se'lah.

PSALM 47

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of

CLAP your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of the generation following. triumph.

he is a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us. and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Sē'lāh.

5 God is gone up with a shout, the

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his

holiness.

9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSALM 48

A Song and Psalm for the sons of Ko'rah.

REAT is the LORD, and greatly to The praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. 3 God is known in her palaces for a

refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5 They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tär'shish

with an east wind. 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Sē'láh.

9 We have thought of thy loving-kindness. O God, in the midst of thy temple. 10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth:

thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of

thy judgments.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to

14 For this God is our God for ever and 2 For the LORD most high is terrible; ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

perish.

PSALM 49

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of

HEAR this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world: 2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom: and the meditation of my heart shall be

of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of

their riches: 7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a

ransom for him: 8 (For the redemption of their soul is

precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

9 That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

10 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

13 This their way is their folly: yet their

posterity approve their sayings. Se'lah. 14 Like sheep they are laid in the graye: death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall re-

ceive me. Se'lah.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul, (and *men* will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,)

19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

20 Man that is in honor, and under- thy tongue frameth deceit.

PSALM 50 A Psalm of A'sanh.

HE mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

God hath shined.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may

judge his people.

5 Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself.

Se'lah. 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak;

O Iş'rā-ĕl, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God. 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacri-

fices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,

nor he goats out of thy folds:

10 For every beast of the forest is mine. and the cattle upon a thousand hills. 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field

are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell

thee: for the world is mine, and the ful-

ness thereof.* 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink

the blood of goats? 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and

pay thy vows unto the Most High:

15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith. What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and

castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and

thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mouth shall show forth thy praise. mother's son.

kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself: but I hefore thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there

be none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation gright will I show the salvation of God.

PSALM 51

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath she ba.

TAVE mercy upon me, O God, ac-1 cording to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned. and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter

than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God;

and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence:

and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways: and sinners shall be converted

unto thee.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against 15 O Lord, open thou my lips: and my

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice: else 21 These things hast thou done, and I would I give it: thou delightest not in

burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken will reprove thee, and set them in order spirit: a broken and a contrite heart. O God, thou wilt not despise.

> 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Terusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM 52

To the chief Musician, Măs'chil, A Psalm of David, when Do'eg the E'dom-ite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of À-him'e-lech.

7HY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs: like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Šē'lāh.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O

thou deceitful tongue. 5 God shall likewise destroy thee for

ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Se'lah. 6 The righteous also shall see, and fear.

and shall laugh at him:

7 Lo. this is the man that made not God his strength: but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

PSALM 53

To the chief Musician upon Ma'ha-lath, Mas'chil. A Psalm of David.

*HE fool hath said in his heart. There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed are altogether become filthy; there is me. none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon

God.

5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Is'ra-el were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Is'ra-el shall be

glad.

PSATM 54

To the chief Musician on Něg'i-nöth, Măs'chii, A Psalm of David, when the Ziph'im came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

SAVE me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to

the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them.

4 Behold. God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine ene-

mies: cut them off in thy truth. 6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I

will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good. 7 For he hath delivered me out of all

trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

PSALM 55

To the chief Musician on Neg'i-noth, Mas'chil, A

IVE ear to my prayer, O God; and Thide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise:

3 Because of the voice of the enemy. because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come their days; but I will trust in thee.

6 And I said. Oh that I had wings like a

dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Se'lah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sor-

row are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me: then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal.

my guide, and mine acquaintance. 14 We took sweet counsel together, and

walked unto the house of God in com-

15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

16 As for me. I will call upon God: and

the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon. will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for

there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them. even he that abideth of old. Se'lah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God:

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath

broken his covenant.

21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, vet were they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suf-

fer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them. down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half

PSALM 56

To the chief Musician upon Jö'näth-8'lem-r8-chō' kim, Mich'täm of David, when the Phi-lis'tines took him in Gath.

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in

thee.

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.
6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my

steps, when they wait for my soul.
7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know;

for God is for me.

10 In God will I praise his word: in the

LORD will I praise his word.

Il In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: will not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57

To the chief Musician, Al-tas'chith, Mich'tam of David, when he fied from Saul in the cave.

DE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Se'lah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Sé'làh.

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.
11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 58

To the chief Musician, Ål-tas'chith, Mich'tam of David.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the

earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the

womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison is like the poison of a

serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear:

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely. 6 Break their teeth, O God, in their

mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions. O LORD.

7 Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see

the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth,

PSALM 50

To the chief Musician, Al-tas'chith, Mich'tam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

uity, and save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul:
the mighty are gathered against me: not

for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves

without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Ig'rā-ēl, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Sē'lāh.

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the

city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?

8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defense.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Se'lah.

14 And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go

round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

To the chief Musician upon Shu'shān-ē'dūth, Micht tām of David, to teach; when he strove with Ārām-nā'hā-rā'im and with Ārām-zō'bāh, when Jō'āb returned, and smote of Ē'dōm in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

O GOD, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches

thereof: for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed

because of the truth. Se lah.
5 That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me.
6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I

will rejoice, I will divide She'chem, and mete out the valley of Suc'coth.

7 Gil'ē-ād is mine, and Mā-nās'sēh is mine; E'phrā-īm also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

8 Mô'āb is my washpot; over Ē'dom will I cast out my shoe: Phī-līs'tī-ā, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into E'dom?

10 Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?

11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

To the chief Musician upon Negri-nëh, A Psalm of David.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is

higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Se'lah.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life; and his years as many generations.

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7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may

préserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name will lift up my hands in thy name. for ever, that I may daily perform my

PSALM 62

To the chief Musician, to Je-du'thun, A Psalm of David.

ARULY my soul waiteth upon God: I from him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be greatly

moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they

curse inwardly. Se'lah.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge,

is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times; ye people. pour out your heart before him: God is

a refuge for us. Se'lah. 9 Surely men of low degree are vanity,

and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
11 God hath spoken once; twice have

I heard this: that power belongeth unto God.

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

PSALM 63

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Yudah.

GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is:

2 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. 4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember thee upon my bed. and meditate on thee in the night

watches.

7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will

I rejoice. 8 My soul followeth hard after thee:

thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the sword: they

shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the

workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword. and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him,

and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and

the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. 8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall

wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM 65

To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David. RAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the yow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee

shall all flesh come.

3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge

them away

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Bu terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us. O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are

afar off upon the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas. the noise of their waves, and the tumult

of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens; thou makest the outgoings of the morning and

evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

12 They drop ubon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks: the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66

To the chief Musician, a Song or Psalm.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

2 Sing forth the honor of his name:

make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Se'lah.

5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the chil-

dren of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the re-

bellious exalt themselves. Se'lah. 8 O bless our God, ye people, and

make the voice of his praise to be heard: 9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us

out into a wealthy place.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt

offerings: I will pay thee my vows, 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in

trouble. 15 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks with goats.

from me.

16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God. and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the

Lord will not hear me:

19 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy

PSALM 67

To the chief Musician on Neg'i-noth, A Psalm or Song.

OD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Sē'lah

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God;

let all the people praise thee.

joy: for thou shalt judge the people earth. Se'lah.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends holy place. of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM 68

To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David. TET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres-

ence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them ex-

ceedingly rejoice.

heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice again from the depths of the sea: before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of the widows, is God in his holy of thy dogs in the same.

habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound the sanctuary. with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march timbrels. through the wilderness; Sē'lāh: 26 Bles

8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Si'nai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Is'rā-ĕl.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy good-

ness for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it. 12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the

spoil.

13 Though ye have lain among the pots, uet shall ue be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with vellow gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings

15 The hill of God is as the hill of Barighteously, and govern the nations upon shan; a high hill as the hill of Ba'shan.

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sī'naī, in the

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God

of our salvation. Sē'lah.

20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong

the issues from death...

21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses. 4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his 22 The Lord said, I will bring again name: extol him that rideth upon the from Bā'shān, I will bring my people

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the

24 They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with

26 Bless ye God in the congregations. gven the Lord, from the fountain of Iş'rā-ĕl.

27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zeb'ū-lun, and the princes of Năph'ta-lī.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which

thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands

unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the in it, it was white as snow in Sal'mon. earth; Osing praises unto the Lord: Se'lah:

A prayer for deliverance in trouble

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Is'ra-el, and his strength

is in the clouds.

35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Is'ra-el is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

PSALM 69

To the chief Musician upon Shō-shān'nīm, A Psalm of David.

CAVE me. O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my

God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness: and my sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. 8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's

children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep

waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender

mercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine

19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: mine ad-

versaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to

drink.

22 Let their table become a snare before them; and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a

23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not: and make their loins con-

tinually to shake. 24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their habitation be desolate: and

let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. 28 Let them be blotted out of the book

of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns

and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let the heaven and earth praise

him, the seas, and every thing that mov-

eth therein. 35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may

dwell there, and have it in possession. 36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM 70

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

TAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD. 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion. that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice thy salvation say continually. Let God be magnified.

5 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me. O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

PSALM 71

IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear

unto me, and save me. 3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for

thou art my rock and my fortress. 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou art my hope, O Lord GoD: thou art my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me: and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together.

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

persecute and take him: for there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soult let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will vet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof. 16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared

thy wondrous works. 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded. O God. forsake me not: until I and be glad in thee: and let such as love have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

20 Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness. and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Is'ra-el.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM 72 A Psalm for Solomon.

¬ IVE the king thy judgments. O God. and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. 3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by right-

eousness. 4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water

the earth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish: and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends

of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him: and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tär'shish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of She'ba and Se'ba shall offer gifts.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

.14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall

their blood be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of She'ba: praver also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. 17 His name shall endure for ever: his

name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, who only doeth wondrous

things.

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen. 20 The prayers of David the son of

Jesse are ended,

PSALM 73 A Psalm of A'saph.

RULY God is good to Is'ra-el, even to such as are of a clean heart. 2 But as for me, my feet were almost

gone; my steps had well-nigh slipped. 3 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men: neither are they plagued like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them

as a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. 8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly

concerning oppression: they speak loftily. 9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cub are wrung out to

them.

11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. 14 For all the day long have I been

plagued, and chastened every morning. 15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it was

too painful for me;

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God: then understood I their end.

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly

consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right

hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my

portion for ever.

shall perish: thou hast destroyed all the sun. them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

PSALM 74 Măs'chil of A'sanh.

GOD, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.

5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned land.

9 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet; neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme not with a stiff neck. thy name for ever?

even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

12 For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain praises to the God of Jacob. and the flood: thou driedst up mighty

16 The day is thine, the night also is shall be exalted.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee thine: thou hast prepared the light and

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and

18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed; let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

PSALM 75

To the chief Musician, Al-tas chith, A Psalm or Song of A'saph.

TNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants up all the synagogues of God in the thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Sē'lāh.

4 I said unto the fools. Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked. Lift not up the

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak

6 For promotion cometh neither from 11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

9 But I will declare for ever: I will sing

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off: but the horns of the righteous PSALM 76

To the chief Musician on Neg i-noth, A Psalm or Song of A'saph.

IN Judah is God known: his name is great in Is'rā-ĕl.

2 In Sa'lem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow. the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Sē'làh.

4 Thou art more glorious and excellent

than the mountains of prey.

5 The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

the chariot and horse are cast into a dead

sleep.

7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared,

and was still. 9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Se'lah.

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou

restrain.

11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

To the chief Musician, to Je-du'thun, A Psalm of A'saoh.

CRIED unto God with my voice, even L unto God with my voice; and he gave my mouth.

ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Sē'lah.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am.

so troubled that I cannot speak. 5 I have considered the days of old, the

vears of ancient times. 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favorable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender

mercies? Sē'lah. 10 And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right

hand of the Most High.

11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work.

and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

14 Thou art the God that doest won-6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both ders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Jo-

seph. Sē'lah. 16 The waters saw thee. O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the

depths also were troubled. 17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound; thine arrows also

went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps

are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

> PSALM 78 Mas chil of A saph.

IVE ear, O my people, to my law: I incline your ears to the words of

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I

will utter dark sayings of old:

3 Which we have heard and known, and

our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Is'rā-ĕl, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their

children:

6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God. and not forget the works of God, but

keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright. and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

9 The children of E'phrā-im. being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God. and refused to walk in his law

11 And forgat his works, and his won-

ders that he had showed them.

12 Marvelous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zo'an.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the wa-

ters to stand as a heap.

14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness. and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like

rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the Most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart

by asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up

against Is'rā-ĕl: 22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven.

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

them meat to the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the

sand of the sea:

28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

30 They were not estranged from their lust: but while their meat was vet in their mouths.

31 The wrath of God came upon them. and slew the fattest of them, and smote

down the chosen men of Is'ra-ël. 32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume

in vanity, and their years in trouble. 34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and inquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their re-

deemer.

36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they steadfast in his

covenant.

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and

cometh not again.

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! 41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Iş'rā-el.

42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy:

43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of

44 And had turned their rivers into blood: and their floods, that they could not drink.

45 He sent divers sorts of flies among orn of heaven. them, which devoured them; and frogs, 25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the

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caterpillar, and their labor unto the locust.

47 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost.

48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderholts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and them.

50 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

like sheep, and guided them in the wil- the skilfulness of his hands.

derness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Is'ra-ël to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testi- round about Jerusalem; and there was

monies:

57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

59 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Is'rā-ĕl:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shī'lōh, the tent which he placed among men:

61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men: and their maidens were not given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of

E'phra-im: 68 But chose the tribe of Tudah, the

mount Zion which he loved. 69 And he built his sanctuary like high trouble, by sending evil angels among palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant. and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Is'ra-ĕl his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the in-52 But made his own people to go forth tegrity of his heart; and guided them by

PSALM 79

A Psalm of A'saph. GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Terusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto

the beasts of the earth. 3 Their blood have they shed like water none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.

before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die:

12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will show forth thy praise to all generations.

PSALM 80

To the chief Musician upon Shō-shān'nīm-Ē'dūth, A Psaim of A'sāph.

IVE ear. O Shepherd of Is'rā-ĕl. I thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth.

2 Before E'phrä-im and Benjamin and Má-năs sẽh stir up thy strength, and

come and save us.

3 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. 4 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt

thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? 5 Thou feedest them with the bread of

tears; and givest them tears to drink in gréat measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and den: his hands were delivered from the cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen. and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the

were like the goodly cedars. 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine:

15 And the vineyard which thy right ways!

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy coun-

tenance. 17 Let the hand he upon the man of the right hand, upon the son of man whom

thou madest strong for thyself. 18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy

name.

19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine: and we shall be saved.

PSALM 81

To the chief Musician upon Git tith, A Psalm of A'sanh.

ING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Tacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the

psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

4 For this was a statute for Is'rā-ĕl, and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language

that I understood not. 6 I removed his shoulder from the bur-

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I de-8 Thou hast brought a vine out of livered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Měr'i-bäh. Sē'lah.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Is ra-el, if thou wilt

hearken unto me:

9 There shall no strange god be in thee: shadow of it, and the boughs thereof neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Iş'rā-ĕl would none of

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Is'ra-el had walked in my

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14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat; and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM 82

A Psalm of A'saph.

OD standeth in the congregation of I the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked?

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High.

7 But ve shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

A Song or Psalm of A'saph.

KEEP not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Iş'rā-ĕl may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

6 The tabernacles of E'dom, and the Ish'mā-ĕl-ites; of Mō'ab, and the

Ha gar-ënes : 7 Gē'băl, and Ammon, and Ăm'a-lĕk; the Phi-lis'tines with the inhabitants of Tvre:

God a judge. Jehovah is the Most High

8 As'sur also is joined with them: they have helped the children of Lot. Se'lah. 9 Do unto them as unto the Mid'i-

ăn-îtes; as to Sis'ēr-a, as to Ja'bin, at the brook of Ki'son:

10 Which perished at En'-dôr: they became as dung for the earth

11 Make their nobles like O'rĕb, and like Zē'eb: yea, all their princes as Zē'bāh, and as Zāl-mun'nā:

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves

the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like a wheel: as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire: 15 So persecute them with thy tempest.

and make them afraid with thy storm. 16 Fill their faces with shame: that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM 84

To the chief Musician upon Git'tith, A Psalm for the sons of Ko'rah.

JOW amiable are thy tabernacles. O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found a house. and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy

house: they will be still praising thee. Sē'lāh. 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is

in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

6 Who passing through the valley of Ba'ca make it a well: the rain also filleth

the pools.
7 They go from strength to strength. every one of them in Zion appeareth be-

fore God. 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my

prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Sē'lah. 9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man

that trusteth in thee.

PSALM 85

To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Kô'rah. TORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin.

Sê'lah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation. and cause thine anger toward us to

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that

thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Show us thy mercy, O LORD, and

grant us thy salvation. 8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them

not turn again to folly. 9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our

10 Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from helped me, and comforted me.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSALM 86 A Prayer of David.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that this man was born there. trusteth in thee.

cry unto thee daily.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. 5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer: and attend to the voice of my supplica-

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffer-

ing, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

17 Show me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast

PSALM 87

A Psalm or Song for the sons of Kô'rah.

TIS foundation is in the holy mountains. 2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion

more than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken of thee,

O city of God. Se'lah.

4 I will make mention of Rā'hāb and Babylon to them that know me: behold Phi-lis'ti-à, and Tyre, with Ethiopia;

5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and 3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I that man was born in her: and the Highest himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he writ- like water; they compassed me about eth up the people, that this man was together.

born there. Se'lah.

instruments shall be there; all my darkness. springs are in thee.

PSALM 88

A Song or Psalm for the sons of Kō'rāh, to the chief Musician upon Mā'hā-lāth Lē-ān'nōth, Mās'chil of Hē'mān the Ez'rā-hite.

LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: 2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit.

in darkness, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Sē'lah.

8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut him. up, and I cannot come forth.

Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee?

11 Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the

dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? 13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD: and in the morning shall my prayer pre-

vent thee. 14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from

me? 15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me:

thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me daily they be exalted.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far 7 As well the singers as the players on from me, and mine acquaintance into

PSALM 89

Măs'chii of E'than the Ez'ra-hite.

WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou

establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant.

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations.

Sē'lāh.

5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about

8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 Thou hast broken Rā'hāb in pieces. as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. 12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tā'bŏr and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. 14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth

shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk. O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall

17 For thou art the glory of their of thy servant: thou hast profaned his strength: and in thy favor our horn shall crown by casting it to the ground. be exalted.

18 For the LORD is our defense; and the Holy One of Is'ra-el is our King.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen

22 The enemy shall not exact upon him: nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. 24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall

his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea. and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him my firstborn. higher than the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure heaven

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes, and keep

not my commandments: 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor

suffer my faithfulness to fail. 34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my

lips. 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Sē'lāh.

38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant 6 In the morning it flourisheth, and

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbors.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to

stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his glory to cease. and cast his throne down to the ground. 45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Sē'lah.

46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn

like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Sē'lāh.

49 Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou swarest unto

David in thy truth?

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of for ever, and his throne as the days of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people; 51 Wherewith thine enemies have

reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God. 'ORD, thou hast been our dwelling

place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought

forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

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groweth up: in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by thine anger. and by thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale

that is told.

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow: for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is

thy wrath.

12 So teach us to number our days. that we may apply our hearts unto

wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. 14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. 17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM 91

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD. He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him

will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers. and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day:

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee,

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. 9 Because thou hast made the LORD.

which is my refuge, even the Most

stone.

High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon

shalt thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honor him. 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and

show him my salvation.

PSALM 92

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.

T is a good thing to give thanks unto I the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High:

2 To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every

night, 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings. and upon the psaltery; upon the harp

with a solemn sound. 4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the

works of thy hands. 5 O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not; neither

doth a fool understand this.

7 When the wicked spring as the grass. and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish: it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, art most high for

evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. 10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts

of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; 15 To show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unright-

eousness in him.

PSALM 93

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished. that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old: thou mercy, O LORD, held me up.

art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for

PSALM 94

LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself.

2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud. 3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

6 They slay the widow and the stran-

ger, and murder the fatherless. 7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see,

neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. 8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth voice, man knowledge, shall not he know?

11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of

man, that they are vanity.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou out of thy law:

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be

digged for the wicked 14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in

heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity

17 Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. 20 Shall the throne of iniquity have

fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

PSALM 95

COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise

unto him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To-day if ye will hear his

8 Harden not your heart, as in the

provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me.

proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM 96

SING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the heathen,

his wonders among all people.

4 For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the

heavens.

6 Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds

of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the

earth.

10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the

fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the

wood rejoice

13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

PSALM 97

THE LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the world:

the earth saw, and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteous. ness, and all the people see his glory.
7 Confounded be all they that serve

graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods. 8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the

daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD. 9 For thou, LORD, art high above all

the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. 10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he

delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. 12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous;

and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

PSALM 98 A Psalm.

SING unto the LORD a new song: for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Is'ra-el: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD all the earth: make a loud noise, and

rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm,

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands: let

the hills be joyful together

9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

PSALM 99

HE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

high above all the people.

3 Let them praise thy great and terrible

name: for it is holv.

4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Tacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests. and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD. and he answered them.

pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the

ordinance that he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of when I am in trouble; incline thine ear their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is

holy.

PSALM 100 A Psalm of praise.

TAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, Make a joyiul all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his

name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to

all generations.

PSALM 101 A Psalm of David.

WILL sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

mine eyes: I hate the work of them

that turn aside: it shall not cleave to me. 4 A froward heart shall depart from

me: I will not know a wicked person. 5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath a

2 The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth

lies shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land: that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSALM 102

7 He spake unto them in the cloudy A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

> TEAR my prayer, O LORD, and let . my cry come unto thee.

> 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

> 3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as a

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone

upon the housetop.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping, 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up,

and cast me down.

11 My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass. 12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever: and thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have merov upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea,

the set time, is come. 14 For thy servants take pleasure in

3 I will set no wicked thing before her stones, and favor the dust thereof. 15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion,

he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. 18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall

be created shall praise the LORD. 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did

the LORD behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner: to loose those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. LORD.

23 He weakened my strength in the

way; he shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are

throughout all generations. 25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation

of the earth: and the heavens are the

work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But thou art the same, and thy years

shall have no end. 28 The children of thy servants shall

continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM 103 A Psalm of David.

DLESS the LORD. O my soul: and all b that is within me, bless his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and for-

get not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;

who healeth all thy diseases:

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies:

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like

the eagle's.

6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways unto

Moses, his acts unto the children of

Îş rā-ĕl.

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious. slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide: neither will

he keep his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them

that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth his children. so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as grass; as

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children:

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his command-

ments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his

word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. 22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM 104

BLESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and mai-

2 Who coverest thuself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the

heavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his

ministers a flaming fire:

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth. that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains: they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again

to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the vallevs, which run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their works.

thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the I have my being.

fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth:

15 And wine that maketh glad the heart Praise ve the LORD. of man, and oil to make his face to shine. and bread which strengtheneth man's

16 The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted:

17 Where the birds make their nests: as

for the stork, the fir trees are her house. 18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats: and the rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both

small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due

28 That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled

with good.

29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face

of the earth.

31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and

they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while

34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM 105

GIVE thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him:

talk ye of all his wondrous works. 3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his strength:

seek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth:

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God: his judg-

ments are in all the earth. 8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded

to a thousand generations. 9 Which covenant he made with Abra-

ham, and his oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Iş'rā-ĕl for an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Ca'naan, the lot of your in-

heritance:

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12 When they were but a few men in land, and devoured the fruit of their number: yea, yery few, and strangers

13 When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another

people:

wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes 15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed,

and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land; he brake the whole staff of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:

18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters:

he was laid in iron:

19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

20 The king sent and loosed him: even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 He made him lord of his house, and

ruler of all his substance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure: and teach his senators wisdom.

23 Îş'rā-ĕl also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people greatly: and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilely with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant: and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 They showed his signs among them.

and wonders in the land of Ham. 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

29 He turned their waters into blood,

and slew their fish.

30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings

31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts. 32 He gave them hail for rain, and

flaming fire in their land. 33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their

coasts.

34 He spake, and the locusts came. and caterpillars, and that without number,

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their

The Lord's mercies to Israel in Equbt

ground.

36 He smote also all the firsthorn in their land, the chief of all their strength.

37 He brought them forth also with sil-14 He suffered no man to do them ver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 He spread a cloud for a covering: and fire to give light in the night. 40 The beoble asked, and he brought

quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places

like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. 43 And he brought forth his people with

iov, and his chosen with gladness: 44 And gave them the lands of the

heathen: and they inherited the labor of the people; 45 That they might observe his stat-

utes, and keep his laws. Praise ve the LORD.

PSALM 106

DRAISE ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can show forth all his

praise?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgment. and he that doeth righteousness at all

4 Remember me. O LORD, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation:

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with

thine inheritance. 6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done

wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it

was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words: thev sang his praise.

13 They soon forgat his works: they

waited not for his counsel:

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wildemess, and tempted God in the desert. 15 And he gave them their request: but sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD. 17 The earth opened and swallowed up

Dā'than, and covered the company of

A-bī'rām.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked. 19 They made a calf in Ho'reb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. 21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt:

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham. and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:

25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Bā'āl-pē'ŏr, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger LORD. with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phin'ē-has, and executed judgment: and so the plague was staved.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips. 34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and

their daughters unto devils,

38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Ca'naan; and the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with

their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them

ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them. and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless he regarded their

affliction, when he heard their cry: 45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the

multitude of his mercies.

46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

47 Save us. O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl from everlasting to everlasting; and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the

PSALM 107

GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy:

3 And gathered them out of the lands. from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to

dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted

in them.
6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of

habitation.

8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in afflic-

tion and iron:

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor: they fell down, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful

works to the children of men! 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. 17 Fools, because of their transgres-

sion, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat: and they draw near unto the gates of death. 19 Then they cry unto the LORD in

their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them.

and delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

ships, that do business in great waters: 24 These see the works of the LORD. and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves

thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger

like a drunken man, and are at their

wit's end.

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that

the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him

in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness. and the watersprings into dry ground: 34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell

therein. 35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into

watersprings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation:

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of in-

crease.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, afflic-

tion, and sorrow.

40 He poureth contempt upon princes. and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like

a flock.

42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall under-23 They that go down to the sea in stand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

PSALM 108

A Song or Psalm of David.

GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people; and I will sing praises unto thee labor. among the nations.

heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto

the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth; 6 That thy beloved may be delivered:

save with thy right hand, and answer me. 7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shē'chem, and mete out the valley of Suc'coth.

8 Gil'ē-ād is mine; Mā-nās'sēh is mine; E'phrā-im also is the strength of mine

head; Judah is my lawgiver: 9 Mô'ăb is my washpot; over E'dŏm will I cast out my shoe; over Phi-lis-

tĭ-a will I triumph. 10 Who will bring me into the strong

city? who will lead me into E'dom? 11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go

forth with our hosts?

is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. **TOLD** not thy peace, O God of my

II praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against heart is wounded within me. me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me

without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

good, and hatred for my love. 6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and

let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned; and let his prayer become hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it. sin.

8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless, and his

wife a widow. 10 Let his children be continually vaga-

bonds, and beg: let them seek their 2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself bread also out of their desolate places.

Il Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his

12 Let there be none to extend mercy 4 For thy mercy is great above the unto him: neither let there be any to

favor his fatherless children. 13 Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name

be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory

of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to show mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in bless-

ing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil 12 Give us help from trouble: for vain into his bones.

> 19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O Gop the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy

is good, deliver thou me.

22 For I am poor and needy, and my

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting;

and my flesh faileth of fatness. 25 I became also a reproach unto them: 5 And they have rewarded me evil for when they looked upon me they shook their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save

me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this is thy 28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; judgment; all his commandments are but let thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame: and let them cover them-

selves with their own confusion, as with a mantle 30 I will greatly praise the LORD with

my mouth; yea, I will praise him among

the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

PSAT.M 110

A Psalm of David

HE LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make

thine enemies thy footstool. 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy

strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after

the order of Měl-chiz ē-děk.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the blaces with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM 111

RAISE ve the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD are great. sought out of all them that have pleasure

therein.

3 His work is honorable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. 4 He hath made his wonderful works

to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and who dwelleth on high,

sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever. and are done in truth and uprightness. 9 He sent redemption unto his people:

he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

PSALM 112

TRAISE ve the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever-

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full

of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man showeth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in ever-

lasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. 8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with

honor.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth. and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

DRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations. and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God,

The gods of the heathen. God preserveth the simple

PSALMS 113-116

6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the he will bless us: he will bless the house earth!

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust. and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill:

8 That he may set him with princes. even with the princes of his people.

o He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 114

WHEN Is ra-el went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Is'ra-ĕl

his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was the LORD. driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams.

and the little hills like lambs. 5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou

wast driven back? 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the heathen say.

Where is now their God?

3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the

work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: 6 They have ears, but they hear not: I was greatly afflicted:

noses have they, but they smell not: 7 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: for all his benefits toward me? neither speak they through their throat. 8 They that make them are like unto

them: so is every one that trusteth in them 9 O Iş'rā-ĕl, trust thou in the LORD: he

is their help and their shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD:

he is their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us: of Is'rā-ël: he will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the

LORD, both small and great.

14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. 15 Ye are blessed of the LORD which

made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

18 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise

PSALM 116

LOVE the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. 2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me. and the pains of hell gat hold upon me:

I found frouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the 8 Which turned the rock into a standing LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

vea, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD in the

land of the living.

10 I believed, therefore have I spoken:

11 I said in my haste. All men are liars. 12 What shall I render unto the LORD

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and

call upon the name of the LORD. 14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

16 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine

handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of Praise to the Lord whose mercy endureth forever

thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my yows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, 19 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee. O Terusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 117

PRAISE the LORD, all ve nations: praise him, all ve people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ve the LORD.

PSALM 118

GIVE thanks unto the LORD: for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Is'rā-ĕl now say, that his mercy

endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say. that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

6 The LORD is on my side; I will not

fear: what can man do unto me? 7 The LORD taketh my part with them he is good: for his mercy endureth for that help me: therefore shall I see my ever. desire upon them that hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD than

to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD than

to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth val-

iantly. 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth

valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastened me sore. but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteous. ness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

20 This gate of the LORD, into which

the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders refused

is become the head stone of the corner. 23 This is the LORD's doing: it is mar-

velous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. 25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD:

O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the

name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. 27 God is the LORD, which hath showed

us light: bind the sacrifice with cords. even unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. 29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for

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ALEPH

DLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep

thy statutes! 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I

have respect unto all thy commandments. 7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

BETH

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto. according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart. that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

judgments of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and

have respect unto thy ways. 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes:

I will not forget thy word.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant. that I may live, and keep thy word.

18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy

19 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt: for I have kept thy testimonies. 23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did medi- thy precepts. tate in thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also are my delight. and my counselors.

DALETH

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word. I will meditate in thy statutes. 26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. 31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies:

O LORD, put me not to shame. 32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with mu whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy 13 With my lips have I declared all the commandments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimo-

nies, and not to covetousness. 37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy

38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant.

who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear:

for thy judgments are good. 40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

41 Let thy mercies come also unto me. O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in

thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and

49 Remember the word unto the servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

52 I remembered thy judgments of old. O LORD: and have comforted myself.

53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. 54 Thy statutes have been my songs in

the house of my pilgrimage.

O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy

56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

57 Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words. 58 I entreated thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to

thy word. 59 I thought on my ways, and turned

my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judg-

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word. 66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray:

but now have I kept thy word. 68 Thou art good, and doest good:

teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with mu whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease: but I

delight in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. 72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kind- tation all the day.

55 I have remembered thy name, ness be for my comfort, according to the word unto thy servant.

> 77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause:

but I will meditate in thy precepts. 79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy

testimonies.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy stat-

utes; that I be not ashamed.

CIPH

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saving,

When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; uet do I not forget thy statutes. 84 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me.

which are not after thy law. 86 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy loving-kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

LAMED

89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding

broad.

97 O how love I thy law! it is my medi-

os Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: and I am afraid of thy judgments. for they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all

my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. 102 I have not departed from thy judg-

ments: for thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false

way.

end.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.

and a light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform it. that I will keep thy righteous judgments. 107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and

teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul is continually in my hand: light; it giveth understanding unto the

vet do I not forget thy law. 110 The wicked have laid a snare for

me: vet I erred not from thy precepts. 111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the re-

joicing of my heart. 112 I have inclined mine heart to per-

SAMECH

113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my hiding place and my

shield: I hope in thy word. 115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee:

121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I love thy command-

ments above gold; yea, above fine gold. 128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order my steps in thy word: and form thy statutes always, even unto the let not any iniquity have dominion over

> 134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

> 135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

> 136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

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137 Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.

138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is very pure: therefore

thy servant loveth it. 141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

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142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. 143 Trouble and anguish have taken

hold on me: yet thy commandments are

my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

145 I cried with my whole heart: hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes. 146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I

shall keep thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word. 148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy

149 Hear my voice according unto thy

loving-kindness: O LORD, quicken me

according to thy judgment. 150 They draw nigh that follow after word: for all thy commandments are

mischief: they are far from thy law. 151 Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy

commandments are truth.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked:

for they seek not thy statutes. 156 Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy

judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

nemies; yet do I not decline from thy 3 What shall be given unto thee? or enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving-kindness.

160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

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161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that

findeth great spoil.

The law and the testimonies of the Lord 163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law

do I love. 164 Seven times a day do I praise thee.

because of thy righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. 166 LORD. I have hoped for thy salva-

tion, and done thy commandments. 167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies:

and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and the testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

169 Let my cry come near before thee. O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. 172 My tongue shall speak of thy

righteousness.

173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation. O LORD; and thy law is my delight. 175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise

thee; and let thy judgments help me. 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy

commandments.

PSALM 120

A Song of degrees.

IN my distress I cried unto the LORD. A and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying

what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

4 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mē'sĕch, that I dwell in the tents of Ke'dar!

6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

PSALM 121

A Song of degrees.

WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. 2 My help cometh from the LORD. which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Iş'rā-ĕl shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day.

nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from

all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. 8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122

A Song of degrees of David.

WAS glad when they said unto I me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates.

O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is

compact together:

4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Isrā-ĕl, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of ever

David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within their hearts.

thee. 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

PSALM 123

A Song of degrees.

JNTO thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eves wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly

filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

A Song of degrees of David.

TF it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Is'rā-ĕl say:

2 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: 5 Then the proud waters had gone over

our soul.

6 Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the LORD. who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

A Song of degrees.

HEY that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Is'rā-ĕl.

PSALM 126 A Song of degrees.

THEN the LORD turned again the V captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for

us; whereof we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south. 5 They that sow in tears shall reap in

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth,

PSALMS 127-132

Children a heritage of the Lord. Hope in the Lord

bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127

A Song of degrees for Solomon.

"XCEPT the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo. children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man: so are children of the youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128 A Song of degrees.

LESSED is every one that feareth the LORD: that walketh in his ways. 2 For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Is'ra-ël.

PSALM 129 A Song of degrees.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Iş'rā-ĕl now sav:

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowers plowed upon my back:

they made long their furrows. 4 The LORD is righteous: he hath cut

asunder the cords of the wicked. 5 Let them all be confounded and

turned back that hate Zion. 6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his

8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you; we bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM 130 A Song of degrees.

UT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears he attentive to the voice of my supplica-

3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark ininuities. O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee. that thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Iş'rā-ĕl hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Is'ra-ël from all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

A Song of degrees of David.

ORD, my heart is not haughty, nor imine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weared child.

3 Let Is'rā-ĕl hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

PSALM 132 A Song of degrees.

ORD, remember David, and all his afflictions:

2 How he sware unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob: 3 Surely I will not come into the taber-

nacle of my house, nor go up into my bed: 4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or

slumber to mine eyelids, 5 Until I find out a place for the LORD. a habitation for the mighty God of Tacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Eph'ra-täh: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou,

and the ark of thy strength. 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for

10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.

14 This is my rest for ever: here will I

dwell; for I have desired it. 15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM 133

A Song of degrees of David.

DEHOLD, how good and how pleas-Dant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM 134

A Song of degrees.

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye night stand in the house of the Lord. 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,

and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM 135

RAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our

God. 3 Praise the LORD: for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it

is pleasant. 4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Iş'rā-ĕl for his peculiar

treasure. 5 For I know that the LORD is great,

and that our Lord is above all gods. 6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

7 He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.

8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaöh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;

11 Si'hon king of the Am'o-rites, and Og king of Barshan, and all the kingdoms of Ca'naan:

12 And gave their land for a heritage, a heritage unto Ĭş'rā-ĕl his people.

13 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.

14 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; 17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

19 Bless the LORD, O house of Iş'rā-ĕl: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:

20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD. 21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 136

GIVE thanks unto the LORD: for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for

5 To him that by wisdom made the

heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. 6 To him that stretched out the earth

above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for

his mercy endureth for ever: 8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy

endureth for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for

11 And brought out Is'ra-ël from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever

14 And made Is'ra-ël to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:

15 But overthrew Phā'raöh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy en-

dureth for ever. 16 To him which led his people through

the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

his mercy endureth for ever:

18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

19 Sī'hon king of the Am'o-rītes: for his mercy endureth for ever:

20 And Og the king of Bā'shan: for his mercy endureth for ever:

21 And gave their land for a heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever: 22 Even a heritage unto Is'rā-ĕl his

servant: for his mercy endureth for ever. 23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever. 25 Who giveth food to all flesh; for his mercy endureth for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

PSALM 137

OY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

2 We hanged our harps upon the wil-

lows in the midst thereof.

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the LORD's song

in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cuicing.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth:

if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief

7 Remember, O LORD, the children of E'dom in the day of Jerusalem: who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

PSALM 138 A Psalm of David.

I WILL praise thee with heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth; for thou 17 To him which smote great kings: for hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the

LORD.

6 Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble. thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD. endureth for ever: forsake not the works of

thine own hands.

PSALM 139

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my

thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue. but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. 5 Thou hast beset me behind and be-

fore, and laid thine hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for

me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. 7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy pres-

ence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold.

thou art there. Q If I take the wings of the morning. and dwell in the uttermost parts of the

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me. and thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee: but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's

womb.

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from thee when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the

earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all

my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as uet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me. O God! how great is the sum

of them

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slav the wicked. O God: depart from me therefore, ve

bloody men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I

count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

ELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man

2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under

their lips. Se'lah.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside: they have set gins for me.

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.

7 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in

the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Se'lah.

9 As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them:

let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM 141

A Psalm of David.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words;

for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the

workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM 142

Mäs'chil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.

TCRIED unto the LORD with my voice;
with my voice unto the LORD did I
make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaint before him; I showed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked on my right hand, and be- soul: for I am thy servant.

held, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in

the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM 143 A Psalm of David.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteous-

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man

living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is deso-

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty

land. Sē'lah.

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me

into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring

my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

PSALM 144 A Pselm of David.

LESSED be the LORD my strength. which teacheth my hands to war. and my fingers to fight:

2 My goodness, and my fortress: mv high tower, and my deliverer; my shield. and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man. that thou makest account of him!

4 Man is like to vanity: his days are as

a shadow that passeth away. 5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come

down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroythem. 7 Send thine hand from above; rid me. and deliver me out of great waters, from

the hand of strange children; 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of false-

hood.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee. O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant

from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is thou givest them their meat in due a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 That our oxen may be strong to labor: that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose

God is the LORD.

PSALM 145 David's Psalm of praise.

WILL extol thee, my God, O King: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy

mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The LORD is good to all: and his ten-

der mercies are over all his works. 10 All thy works shall praise thee. O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. 11 They shall speak of the glory of thy

kingdom, and talk of thy power: 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty

of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall. and raiseth up all those that be bowed

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM 146

DRAISE ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. 2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I

have any being.

3 Put not your trust in princes. nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the

LORD his God:

6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

8 The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the

righteous:

9 The LORD preserveth the strangers: he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

-10 The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Praise ve the LORD.

PSALM 147

PRAISE ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of

Ĭş'rā-ĕl.

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and

bindeth up their wounds.

4 He telleth the number of the stars: he calleth them all by their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and of great power:

his understanding is infinite.

6 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he tasteth the wicked down to the ground. 7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9 He giveth to the beast his food, and princes, and all judges of the earth:

to the young ravens which cry. 10 He delighteth not in the strength of men, and children: the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his

mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Terusalempraise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthened the hars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders. and filleth thee with the finest of the

wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow. and the waters flow.

19 He showeth his word unto Jacob. his statutes and his judgments unto

Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ve the LORD.

PSALM 148

RAISE ye the LORD. Praise ve the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens. and ye waters that be above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever; he hath made a decree which

shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ve dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains, and all hills: fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people;

12 Both young men, and maidens; old

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 149

RAISE ye the LORD. Sing unto the Praise ye the LORD. LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Is'ra-el rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with

salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand:

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the

people:

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron:

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all his saints.

PSALM 150

RAISE ye the LORD, Praise God in A his sanctuary; praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent

greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instru-

ments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

THE PROVERBS

CHAPTER 1

HE Proverbs of Solomon the son of

L David, king of Iş'rā-ĕl;

2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding: 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom.

justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the

young man knowledge and discretion. 5 A wise man will hear, and will in-

crease learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: 6 To understand a proverb, and the in-

terpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark savings.

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy

mother:

9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 ¶ My son, if sinners entice thee,

consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down

into the pit:

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 Cast in thy lot among us: let us all

have one purse:

15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them: refrainthy footfrom their path: 16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in standing;

the sight of any bird.

blood; they lurk privily for their own ing lives.

19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the

life of the owners thereof.

20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of con-his mouth cometh knowledge and under-course, in the openings of the gates: in standing. the city she uttereth her words, saying,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold. I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will

make known my words unto you.

24 ¶ Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and

no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at nought all my

counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh:

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish

cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit

of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of

fools shall destroy them. 33 But whose hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear

CHAPTER 2

MY son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee:

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to under-

of evil.

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, 18 And they lay wait for their own and liftest up thy voice for understand-

> 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures: 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of

7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the

righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

8 He keepeth the paths of judgment. and preserveth the way of his saints.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto

thy soul;

11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;

13 Who leave the paths of uprightness. to walk in the ways of darkness:

14 Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

15 Whose ways are crooked, and theu

froward in their paths:

16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her

God.

18 For her house inclineth unto death. and her paths unto the dead.

19 None that go unto her return again neither take they hold of the paths of hold upon her: and happy is every one life.

20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the

righteous.

21 For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be

rooted out of it.

CHAPTER 3

Y son, forget not my law; but let and grace to thy neck. IVI thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4 So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and

5 ¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine ing taken. heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, of thine hand to do it. and he shall direct thy paths.

7 The not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and

marrow to thy bones.

9 Honor the LORD with thy substance. and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 ¶ My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his

correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13 W Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding:

14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the

gain thereof than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor.

17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to them that lay that retaineth her.

19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he

established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

21 ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul.

23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. 24 When thou liest down, thou shalt

not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from be-

27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power

28 Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and

come again, and to-morrow I will give: when thou hast it by thee.

29 Devise not evil against thy neighbor, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. 30 Strive not with a man without

cause, if he have done thee no harm.

31 ¶ Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.

32 For the froward is abomination to

righteous. 33 I The curse of the LORD is in the

house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

34 Surely he scorneth the scorners; but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake

ye not my law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. 4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom, get understanding: for- left: remove thy foot from evil. get it not; neither decline from the words

of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting

get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou

dost embrace her.

9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be

II I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. 12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

14 C Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from

it, and pass away. 16 For they sleep not, except they have

done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall. 17 For they eat the bread of wicked.

ness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and the LORD: but his secret is with the more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is as dark. ness: they know not at what they

stumble.

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine

eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 W Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the

CHAPTER 5

MY son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:

2 That thou mayest regard discretion. and that thy lips may keep knowledge. 3 I For the lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is

smoother than oil: 4 But her end is bitter as wormwood,

sharp as a two-edged sword.

5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life, her ways are movable, that thou canst not know them.

7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

9 Lest thou give thine honor unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth: and thy labors be in the house of a stranger;

11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed.

12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

15 C Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the

streets.

17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

21 For the ways of man are before the eves of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

22 This own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden

with the cords of his sins.

23 He shall die without instruction: and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.

CHAPTER 6

Y son, if thou be surety for thy IVI friend, if thou hast stricken thy

hand with a stranger, 2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of

thy mouth.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor

slumber to thine eyelids.

5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 G Go to the ant, thou sluggard; con-

sider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or feet not be burned?

ruler. and gathereth her food in the harvest. be innocent.

9 How long wilt thou sleep. O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that traveleth, and thy want as an armed

12 T A naughty person, a wicked man,

walketh with a froward mouth.

13 He winketh with his eyes, he speak: eth with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers:

14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth

discord.

15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken

without remedy.

16 ¶ These six things doth the LORD hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood.

18 A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief. 19 A false witness that speaketh lies.

and he that soweth discord among brethren.

20 ¶ My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of in-

struction are the way of life:

24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her

eyelids.

26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbor's 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not

The strange woman a snare

30 Men do not despise a thief, if he of tapestry, with carved works, with fine steal to satisfy his soul when he is linen of Egypt.

hungry;

31 But if he be found, he shall restore myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. sevenfold: he shall give all the substance of his house.

32 But whose committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding:

he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. 33 A wound and dishonor shall he get: and his reproach shall not be wiped

34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of

vengeance.

35 He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

CHAPTER 7

MY son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thu kinswoman:

5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

6 I For at the window of my house I

looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding.

corner; and he went the way to her

9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the

black and dark night:

10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of a harlot, and subtile of heart.

11 (She is loud and stubborn: her feet

abide not in her house:

12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him. and with an impudent face said unto

him,

14 I have peace offerings with me; this

day have I paid my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

16 I have decked my bed with coverings

17 I have perfumed my bed with

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves.

19 For the goodman is not at home, he

is gone a long journey:

20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.

21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering

of her lips she forced him.

22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks:

23 Till a dart strike through his liveras a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life.

24 THearken unto me now therefore. O ye children, and attend to the words

of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

27 Her house is the way to hell, going

down to the chambers of death.

CHAPTER 8

OTH not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? 2 She standeth in the top of high places,

8 Passing through the street near her by the way in the places of the paths. 3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the

doors:

4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice

is to the sons of man. 5 O ve simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding

heart 6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall

be right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward

or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not sil-

gold.

11 For wisdom is better than rubies: and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way. and the froward mouth, do I hate.

14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.

15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

18 Riches and honor are with me: uea. durable riches and righteousness.

19 My fruit is better than gold, yea. than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

20 I lead in the way of righteousness. in the midst of the paths of judgment: 21 That I may cause those that love me

to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. 24 When there were no depths, I was

brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were settled. hefore the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest pert of the dust of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I the Holy is understanding. was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

28 When he established the clouds above; when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

29 When he gave to the sea his decree. that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

up with him: and I was daily his delight.

rejoicing always before him; 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his

earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

ver; and knowledge rather than choice O ye children; for blessed are theu that keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and

refuse it not.

34 Blessed is the man that heareth me. watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whose findeth me findeth life. and shall obtain favor of the LORD.

36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

CHAPTER 9

TISDOM hath builded her house. she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also fur-

nished her table.

3 She hath sent forth her maidens; she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

5 Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live: and go in the way of understanding.

7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot.

8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of

11 For by me thy days shall be multi-

plied, and the years of thy life shall be increased. 12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise

for thyself: but if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it. 13 ¶ A foolish woman is clamorous:

she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her 30 Then I was by him, as one brought house, on a seat in the high places of the city.

15 To call passengers who go right on

their ways:

16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth un-32 Now therefore hearken unto me, derstanding, she saith to him,

17 Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.

18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.

CHAPTER 10

HE Proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his

2 Treasures of wickedness profit noth- chief: but a man of understanding hath ing: but righteousness delivereth from wisdom.

death.

the righteous to famish: but he casteth shall be granted. away the substance of the wicked.

4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the dili-

gent maketh rich.

5 He that gathereth in summer is a smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to wise son; but he that sleepeth in harvest them that send him. is a son that causeth shame.

6 Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of

the wicked.

7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot. 8 The wise in heart will receive com-

mandments: but a prating fool shall fall. 9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10 He that winketh with the eve causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall. 11 The mouth of a righteous man is a

well of life; but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love

covereth all sins.

13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near de-

struction.

15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: the destruction of the poor is their poverty.

16 The labor of the righteous tendeth to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin.

17 He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof

18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sortow with it.

23 It is as sport to a fool to do mis-

24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come 3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of upon him; but the desire of the righteous

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as

27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the

wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous shall never be removed; but the wicked shall not inhabit

the earth.

31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom; but the froward tongue shall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

CHAPTER 11

A FALSE balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.

2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall

direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.

7 When a wicked man dieth, his ex- shall curse him: but blessing shall pectation shall perish: and the hope of be upon the head of him that selleth it. uniust men perisheth.

8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his

stead.

9 A hypocrite with his mouth destroveth his neighbor: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by

the mouth of the wicked.

12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth

the matter.

14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it: and he that hateth surety-

ship is sure.

16 A gracious woman retaineth honor: and strong men retain riches.

17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitful

work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward. 19 As righteousness tendeth to life: so

he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his

own death.

20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.
21 Though hand join in hand, the

wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. 22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout,

so is a fair woman which is without. discretion. 23 The desire of the righteous is only

good: but the expectation of the wicked

is wrath.

24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people come out of trouble.

27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.

28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool shall

be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. 31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth; much more the wicked and the sinner.

CHAPTER 12

THOSO loveth instruction loveth VV knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

2 A good man obtaineth favor of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will

he condemn.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she that maketh ashamed

is as rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the up-

right shall deliver them.

7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but the house of the righteous shall stand.

8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom; but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

9 He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoreth himself, and lacketh bread.

10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of

the wicked are cruel.

11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain bersons is void of understanding.

12 The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yield-

eth fruit.

13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall

Of truth and lying. Of diligence and sloth

by the fruit of his mouth: and the recom-diligent shall be made fat. pense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

16 A fool's wrath is presently known:

but a prudent man covereth shame. 17 He that speaketh truth showeth forth righteousness: but a false witness

deceit. 18 There is that speaketh like the

piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health. 19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a

moment. 20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counselors of

peace is joy. 21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his

23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under

25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

26 The righteous is more excellent than his neighbor: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

28 In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no

death.

CHAPTER 13

WISE son heareth his father's in-A struction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of just. his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

4 The soul of the sluggard desireth.

14 A man shall be satisfied with good and hath nothing; but the soul of the

5 A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh

to shame.

6 Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

7 There is that maketh himself rich. yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke. 9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labor shall increase.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is

a tree of life.

13 Whose despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. 15 Good understanding giveth favor:

but the way of transgressors is hard. 16 Every prudent man dealeth with

knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly. 17 A wicked messenger falleth into

mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health.

18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honored.

19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 He that walketh with wise men

shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repaid.

22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the

23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for

want of judgment.

24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Of wisdom and fools. Of a soft answer

25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

CHAPTER 14

VERY wise woman buildeth her E house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall pre-

serve them.

4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of

5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a

false witness will utter lies.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him

the lips of knowledge.

understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.

9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favor.

10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

overthrown: but the tabernacle of the in his death.

upright shall flourish.

unto a man; but the end thereof are the is in the midst of fools is made known. ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful: and the end of that mirth is heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be that causeth shame. filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.

16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.

17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

the wicked at the gates of the righteous. prudent.

PROVERBS 13-15

20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbor: but the rich hath many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbor sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth shall be to them that

devise good.

23 In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury. 24 The crown of the wise is their riches: but the foolishness of fools is folly.

25 A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies.

26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have

a place of refuge. 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of

death.

28 In the multitude of people is the king's honor: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

29 He that is slow to wrath is of great 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understanding: but he that is hasty of

spirit exalteth folly.

30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoreth him hath mercy on the poor.

32 The wicked is driven away in his 11 The house of the wicked shall be wickedness; but the righteous hath hope

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him 12 There is a way which seemeth right that hath understanding: but that which 34 Righteousness exalteth a nation:

> but sin is a reproach to any people. 35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant: but his wrath is against him

CHAPTER 15

A SOFT answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. 2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. 4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in

the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's instruc-19 The evil bow before the good; and tion: but he that regardeth reproof is

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure: but in the revenues of the abomination to the LORD: but the words wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer

of the upright is his delight.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10 Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth

reproof shall die.

11 Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the

wise.

13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart humility.

the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a

continual feast.

16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred

therewith.

18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeareth

19 The way of the slothful man is as a hedge of thorns: but the way of the

righteous is made plain.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother. 21 Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding

walketh uprightly.

22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due sea-

son, how good is it!

24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath. 25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the bor-

der of the widow.

26 The thoughts of the wicked are an of the pure are pleasant words.

27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts

shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29 The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the right.

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of

life abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is

CHAPTER 16

HE preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the

spirits.

3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4 The LORD hath made all things for. himself: yea, even the wicked for the 5 Every one that is proud in heart is an

day of evil.

abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD

men depart from evil. 7 When a man's ways please the LORD,

he maketh even his enemies to be at

peace with him. 8 Better is a little with righteousness,

than great revenues without right.

9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in

judgment. 11 A just weight and balance are the LORD's: all the weights of the bag are

his work.

12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for the throne is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right. 14 The wrath of a king is as messen-

gers of death: but a wise man will

pacify it. 15 In the light of the king's counte-

nance is life; and his favor is as a cloud of the latter rain.

16 How much better is it to get wisdom

than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver! 17 The highway of the upright is to

depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

18 Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil

with the proud.

20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whose trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips

increaseth learning.

22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his

24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb. sweet to the soul, and health to the bones

25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death.

26 He that laboreth, laboreth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him.

27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire. 28 A froward man soweth strife; and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

29 A violent man enticeth his neighbor. and leadeth him into the way that is

not good.

30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.

31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteous-

32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

whole disposing thereof is of the LORD. tongue falleth into mischief.

CHAPTER 17

DETTER is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.

2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the

brethren.

3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the LORD trieth the

4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty

tongue.

5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are

their fathers.

7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

8 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

10 A reproof entereth more into a wise man than a hundred stripes into a fool. 11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion:

therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly. 13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with. 15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing he hath no heart to it?

17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

20 He that hath a froward heart findeth 33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the no good: and he that hath a perverse

Of the fool. Of perverse lips. Of friendship

21 He that begetteth a fool doeth it to be heareth it, it is folly and shame unto his sorrow; and the father of a fool hath him. no joy.

22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bear?

bones. 23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgment.

24 Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

26 Also to punish the just is not good, nor to strike princes for equity.

27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of

an excellent spirit.

28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

CHAPTER 18

THROUGH desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover

3 When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wis-

dom as a flowing brook.

5 It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

8 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the in-

nermost parts of the belly. 9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high wall in his own conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; and before honor is hu-

13 He that answereth a matter before

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his

infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seek-

eth knowledge.

16 A man's gift maketh room for him. and bringeth him before great men.

17 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbor cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease. and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall

eat the fruit thereof.

22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the LORD. 23 The poor useth entreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

24 A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

CHAPTER 19

ETTER is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth

with his feet sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor. 5 A false witness shall not be unpun-

ished; and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will entreat the favor of the prince: and every man is a friend to him

that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understand-

ing shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpun-

ished: and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool: much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over

a transgression.

12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favor is as dew upon the grass.

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are

a continual dropping.

14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer

16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die.

17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. 18 Chasten thy son while there is hope,

and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy

latter end.

21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring

it to his mouth again.

25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand a strange woman. knowledge.

26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach. 27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words

of knowledge.

ment; and the mouth of the wicked de- with him that flattereth with his lips. youreth iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

CHAPTER 20

VINE is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

2 The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoso provoketh him to anger

sinneth against his own soul.

3 It is an honor for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. 4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in

harvest, and have nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who

can find?

7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

8 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

10 Divers weights, and divers measwres, both of them are alike abomination

to the LORD. 11 Even a child is known by his doings. whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty: open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of

rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a precious iewel. 16 Take his garment that is surety for

a stranger: and take a pledge of him for

17 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man;

but afterward his mouth shall be filled with gravel. 18 Every purpose is established by

counsel: and with good advice make war.

19 He that goeth about as a talebearer 28 An ungodly witness scorneth judg- revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not

20 Whoso curseth his father or his

The ways of men. The wicked

mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the LORD, and he shall

save thee.

23 Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good.

24 Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?

25 It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make inquiry.

26 A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

29 The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head. 30 The blueness of a wound cleanseth

away evil: so do stripes the inward parts of the belly.

CHAPTER 21

LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own mighty, and casteth down the strength eyes: but the LORD pondereth the

hearts.

3 To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice. 4 A high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that

is hasty only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

7 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them; because they refuse to do

judgment.

8 The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is

9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbor findeth no favor in his eyes. day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their

wickedness. 13 Whose stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself.

but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom, strong wrath. 15 It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in

the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for

the upright.

of iniquity.

19 It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21 He that followeth after righteous-HE king's heart is in the hand of the ness and mercy findeth life, righteous-

ness, and honor. 22 A wise man scaleth the city of the

of the confidence thereof.

23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles. 24 Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in proud wrath

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labor. 26 He coveteth greedily all the day

long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not. 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is

abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?

28 A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face: but as for the upright, he directeth his way.

30 There. is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse is prepared against the

CHAPTER 22

GOOD name is rather to be chosen A than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and poor meet together: the

LORD is the maker of them all.

3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil. and hideth himself: but the simple pass on. and are punished.

4 By humility and the fear of the LORD

are riches, and honor, and life.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not de-

part from it.

7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. 8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap

vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail. 9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge; and he overthroweth the

words of the transgressor.

13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without. I shall be slain in the streets.

14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet unto my knowledge.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee excellent shall plead their cause with thee. things in counsels and knowledge,

certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor: neither oppress the afflicted in the

23 For the LORD will plead their cause. and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.

24 Make no friendship with an angre man: and with a furious man thou shalt

25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a

snare to thy soul.

26 Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for

27 If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under

thee?

28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.

29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings: he shall not stand before mean men.

CHAPTER 23

THEN thou sittest to eat with a V ruler, consider diligently what is before thee:

2 And out a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for

they are deceitful meat. 4 Labor not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.

5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an

eagle toward heaven. 6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

8 The morsel which thou hast eaten

words. 9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the father-

11 For their Redeemer is mighty; he

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, 21 That I might make thee know the and thine ears to the words of knowledge. child: for if thou beatest him with the beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall rod, he shall not die. 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod.

and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my

heart shall rejoice, even mine. 16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy

lips speak right things.

17 Let not thine heart envy sinners; but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

18 For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and

guide thine heart in the way. 20 Be not among winebibbers: among

riotous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when

she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding. 24 The father of the righteous shall

greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For a whore is a deep ditch; and a

strange woman is a narrow pit. 28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increaseth the transgressors among

29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause?

who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine;

they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent,

and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

13 Withhold not correction from the say, and I was not sick; they have I awake? I will seek it vet again.

CHAPTER 24

DE not thou envious against evil men. neither desire to be with them:

2 For their heart studieth destruction.

and their lips talk of mischief. 3 Through wisdom is a house builded:

and by understanding it is established: 4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and

pleasant riches.

5 A wise man is strong: yea, a man of

knowledge increaseth strength. 6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counselors

there is safety. 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: he

openeth not his mouth in the gate. 8 He that deviseth to do evil shall be

called a mischievous person. 9 The thought of foolishness is sin:

and the scorner is an abomination to men.

10 If thou faint in the day of adversity. thy strength is small.

11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain:

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is

sweet to thy taste:

14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul; when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous;

spoil not his resting place:

16 For a just man falleth seven times. and riseth up again; but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:

18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Fret not thyself because of evil men, 35 They have stricken me, shalt thou neither be thou envious at the wicked;

20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king; and meddle not with them that of the king, and stand not in the place of

are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

23 These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons

in judgment.

24 He that saith unto the wicked. Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall another:

come upon them.

giveth a right answer.

27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterward build thine house. 28 Be not a witness against thy neigh-

bor without cause; and deceive not with

thy lips.

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful. and by the vineyard of the man void of

understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw. and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruc-

33 Y.. a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come as one that traveleth; and thy want as an armed man.

CHAPTER 25

THESE are also proverbs of Solo-mon, which the men of Hez'e-ki'ah king of Judah copied out.

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to search

out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings is

unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 Put not forth thyself in the presence

great men:

7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eves have seen.

8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbor hath put

thee to shame.

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself: and discover not a secret to

10 Lest he that heareth it out thee to 26 Every man shall kiss his lips that shame, and thine infamy turn not away. Il A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover

upon an obedient ear.

13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14 Whose beasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain. 15 By long forbearing is a prince per-

suaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the

bone. 16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house; lest he be weary of thee,

and so hate thee.

18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth,

and a foot out of joint.

20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart.

21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give

him water to drink:

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

23 The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain. and a corrupt spring.

27 It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not

glory.

28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down. and without walls.

CHAPTER 26

As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor is not seemly for a fool.

2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. 5 Answer a fool according to his folly.

lest he be wise in his own conceit. 6 He that sendeth a message by the

hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage.

7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honor to a fool.

9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth

of fools. 10 The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and

rewardeth transgressors.

11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. 14 As the door turneth upon his hinges,

so doth the slothful upon his bed. 15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again

to his mouth. 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

17 He that passeth by, and meddleth friend by hearty counsel.

with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a mad man who casteth fire.

brands, arrows, and death,

19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbor, and saith, Am not I in sport? 20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to

kindle strife.

22 The words of a talebearer gre as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross. 24 He that hateth dissembleth with his

lips, and layeth up deceit within him: 25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations

in his heart. 26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit. his wickedness shall be showed before

the whole congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth

worketh ruin.

CHAPTER 27

OAST not thyself of to-morrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before

envy? 5 Open rebuke is better than secret

love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend:

but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. 7 The full soul loatheth a honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing

is sweet. 8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy understanding and knowledge the state brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off.

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that

reproacheth me.

12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil. and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for

a strange woman.

14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. 16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the creaseth his substance, he shall gather wind, and the cintment of his right hand, it for him that will pity the poor.

which bewrayeth itself.

17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof; so he that waiteth on his master shall be honored.

19 As in water face answereth to face. so the heart of man to man. 20 Hell and destruction are never full:

so the eyes of man are never satisfied. 21 As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise.

yet will not his foolishness depart from him. in a mortar among wheat with a pestle,

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds:

the crown endure to every generation? 25 The hay appeareth, and the tender

grass showeth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. 26 The lambs are for thy clothing, and

the goats are the price of the field.

27 And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

CHAPTER 28

HE wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of a land many

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's are the princes thereof; but by a man of thereof shall be prolonged.

3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no

food.

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD under-

stand all things. 6 Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous

men shameth his father.

8 He that by usury and unjust gain in-

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be

abomination.

10 Whose causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession.

11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understand-

ing searcheth him out.

12 When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory; but when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.

13 He that covereth his sins shall not 22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool prosper; but whose confesseth and for-

saketh them shall have mercy. 14 Happy is the man that feareth always: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging 24 For riches are not for ever; and doth bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor

16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit;

let no man stay him.

18 Whose walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread; but he that followeth after vain bersons shall have poverty

enough. 20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

21 To have respect of persons is not good: for, for a piece of bread that man will transgress.

22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that pov-

erty shall come upon him. 23 He that rebuketh a man, afterward shall find more favor than he that flat-

tereth with the tongue.

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto up strife; but he that putteth his trust in

the LORD shall be made fat.

26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes

shall have many a curse.

28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

CHAPTER 29

HE, that being often reproved hard-eneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

3 Whose leveth wisdom rejeiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.

4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbor

spreadeth a net for his feet.

6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.

9 If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.

10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright:

but the just seek his soul.

11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterward.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied. transgression increaseth: but the right.

eous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law.

happy is he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgres-

sion. 23 A man's pride shall bring him low:

but honor shall uphold the humble in 24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and

bewraveth it not. 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whose putteth his trust in the LORD

shall be safe. 26 Many seek the ruler's favor; but

every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.

27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

CHAPTER 30

THE words of A'gur the son of Ja' kěh, even the prophecy: the man spake unto Ith'i-el, even unto Ith'i-el and U'căl.

2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.

or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name. if thou canst tell?

5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in

6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. 7 Two things have I required of thee: deny me them not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and they forth all of them by bands; steal, and take the name of my God in

10 Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found

guilty.

11 There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their

mother.

12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and uet is not washed from their filthiness.

13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are

lifted up.

14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among

15 The horseleech hath two daughters. crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four

things say not. It is enough:

16 The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water: and the fire that saith not. It is enough.

17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I

know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

woman; she eateth, and wipeth her destruction.

4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, mouth, and saith. I have done no wickedness.

21 For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot

22 For a servant when he reigneth; and

a fool when he is filled with meat; 23 For an odious woman when she is married; and a handmaid that is heir to

her mistress.

24 There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding

wise: 25 The ants are a people not strong, yet

they prepare their meat in the summer: 26 The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks:

27 The locusts have no king, yet go

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.

29 There be three things which go well. yea, four are comely in going:

30 A lion, which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any: 31 A greyhound; a he goat also; and a

king, against whom there is no rising up. 32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of

wrath bringeth forth strife.

CHAPTER 31

THE words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my

3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. 6 Give strong drink unto him that is

ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty. and remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the 20 Such is the way of an adulterous cause of all such as are appointed to

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

10 ¶ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she

bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is vet night. and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth

it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise

is good: her candle goeth not out by

night. 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle,

and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates. when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it: and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honor are her clothing: and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of

idleness.

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD. she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands: and let her own works praise her in the gates.

ECCLESIASTES

OR, THE PREACHER

CHAPTER 1

THE words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

3 What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun?

4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.

5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place

where he arose.

6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth membrance of things that are to come about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the ra-el in Jerusalem. sea is not full: unto the place from 13 And I gave my heart to seek and

whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

8 All things are full of labor: man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any rewith those that shall come after.

12 I the Preacher was king over Is-

things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is

vanity and vexation of spirit.

15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with mine own heart. saving. Lo. I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of

spirit.

18 For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

CHAPTER 2

SAID in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

2 I said of laughter, It is mad: and of

mirth. What doeth it?

3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their

4 I made me great works: I builded me houses: I planted me vineyards:

5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth

trees: 7 I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem heart to despair of all the labor which I before me:

8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of labored therein shall he leave it for his the sons of men, as musical instru- portion. This also is vanity and a great ments, and that of all sorts.

search out by wisdom concerning all than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labor: and this was my portion of all my labor.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done.

13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth dark-

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness; and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.

15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also is

vanity.

16 For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool.

17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and

vexation of spirit.

18 ¶ Yea, I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun; because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labor wherein I have labored, and wherein I have showed myself wise under the sun. This is also

vanity.

20 Therefore I went about to cause my took under the sun.

21 For there is a man whose labor is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity: yet to a man that hath not evil.

9 So I was great, and increased more 22 For what hath man of all his labor,

and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath labored under the sun?

23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

24 There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it was

from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who else can

hasten hereunto, more than I?

26 For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAPTER 3

O every thing there is a season, and I a time to every purpose under the heaven:

2 A time to be born, and a time to die: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up

that which is planted;
3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up:

4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh: a time to mourn, and a time to dance

- 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing
- 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 What profit hath he that worketh in

that wherein he laboreth?

10 I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

11 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

12 I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good

in his life. 13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God.

14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear hefore him.

15 That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been: and God requireth that which is past.

16 C And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wicked. ness was there; and the place of right. eousness, that iniquity was there,

17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for

every work.

18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them; as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath: so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.

20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

22 Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

CHAPTER 4

CO I returned, and considered all the Oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

2 Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead, more than the living

which are yet alive.

3 Yea, better is he than both they. which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the

4 C Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbor. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 The fool foldeth his hands together. and eateth his own flesh.

6 Better is a handful with quietness. than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.

7 I Then I returned, and I saw vanity

under the sun.

8 There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labor: neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labor, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail.

9 C Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm

alone?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 @ Better is a poor and a wise child. than an old and foolish king, who will no

more be admonished.

14 For out of prison he cometh to reign: whereas also he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor.

15 I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.

16 There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAPTER 5

ZEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let for the wind? not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better is it that thou shouldest not yow, than that thou shouldest yow and

not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vani-

ties: but fear thou God.

8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

9 I Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by

the field.

10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase; this is also vanity

11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eves?

12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer

him to sleep.

13 There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is

nothing in his hand

15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand.

16 And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath labored

17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much sorrow and

wrath with his sickness.

18 @ Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor: this is the gift of God.

20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

CHAPTER 6

HERE is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honor, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

3 ¶ If a man beget a hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he.

4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath more rest than the other.

6 TYea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no

good: do not all go to one place? 7 All the labor of man is for his mouth.

and yet the appetite is not filled. 8 For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth

to walk before the living? 9 4 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also

vanity and vexation of spirit. 10 That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is

mightier than he. 11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better?

12 For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER 7

AGOOD name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all menand the living will lay it to his heart.

3 Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the

heart is made better.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the sone of

6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.

7 I Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the

8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them

that see the sun.

12 For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath

made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

15 All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in

his wickedness.

16 Be not righteous over much, neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?

17 Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die

before thy time?

18 It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth 2 It is better to go to the house of God shall come forth of them all,

more than ten mighty men which are in of man is great upon him.

20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth

21 Also take no heed unto all words that curse thee:

22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

23 C All this have I proved by wisdom: I said. I will be wise; but it was far from

24 That which is far off, and exceeding

deep, who can find it out?

25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:

26 And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

27 Behold, this have I found, saith the Preacher, counting one by one, to find

out the account:

28 Which vet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all feareth not before God. those have I not found.

29 Lo, this only have I found, that God sought out many inventions.

CHAPTER 8

WHO is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face shall be changed.

2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of giveth him under the sun.

the oath of God.

3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth that is done upon the earth: (for also whatsoever pleaseth him.

4 Where the word of a king is, there is sleep with his eyes:) power: and who may say unto him, What

doest thou?

shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall heart discerneth both time and judg- not find it; yea further; though a wise

6 I Because to every purpose there is able to find it.

10 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise time and judgment, therefore the misery

7 For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it

shall be?

8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant hath he power in the day of death; and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also

vanity

11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set

in them to do evil.

12 Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto hath made man upright; but they have whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.

15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the to shine, and the boldness of his face sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labor the days of his life, which God

> 16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business there is that neither day nor night seeth

17 Then I beheld all the work of God. that a man cannot find out the work that 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment is done under the sun: because though man think to know it, yet shall he not be

CHAPTER O

FOR all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before them.

2 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.

3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after ruleth among fools. that they go to the dead.

living there is hope: for a living dog is good.

better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

7 II Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart: for God now accepteth thy works.

8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no cintment.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labor which thou takest under the sun.

10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do. do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wis-

dom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

11 ¶ I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in

in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 C This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto

14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and huilt great bulwarks against it.

15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom de-

livered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16 Then said I. Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that

18 Wisdom is better than weapons of 4 For to him that is joined to all the war: but one sinner destroyeth much

CHAPTER 10

EAD flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor,

2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth him. and he saith to every one that he is a fool.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place: for yielding pacifieth great offenses.

5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which pro-

ceedeth from the ruler: 6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the

rich sit in low place. 7 I have seen servants upon horses. and princes walking as servants upon

the earth. 8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it:

and whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to

direct. 11 Surely the serpent will bite without the snare; so are the sons of men snared enchantment; and a babbler is no better.

12 The words of a wise man's mouth swallow up himself.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.

14 A fool also is full of words; a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15 The labor of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth

not how to go to the city. 16 We to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the

morning! 17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not

for drunkenness! 18 @ By much slothfulness the building

decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

19 C A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answer-

eth all things.

20 Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath, grinders cease because they are few. wings shall tell the matter.

CHAPTER 11

AST thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. 2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil sic shall be brought low shall be upon the earth.

3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be

4 He that observeth the wind shall not about the streets: sow; and he that regardeth the clouds

shall not reap.

5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of earth as it was: and the spirit shall re-God who maketh all.

6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for Preacher; all is vanity. thou knowest not whether shall prosper. either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold proverbs.

the sun:

8 But if a man live many years, and are gracious; but the lips of a fool will rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

9 T Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.

CHAPTER 12

DEMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them:

2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain:

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the and those that look out of the windows be darkened,

4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of mu-

5 Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go

6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel

broken at the cistern.

7 Then shall the dust return to the turn unto God who gave it.

8 II Vanity of vanities, saith the

9 And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and 7 Truly the light is sweet, and a sought out, and set in order many

10 The Preacher sought to find out

acceptable words: and that which was there is no end; and much study is a written was upright, even words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are as goads. and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one

12 And further, by these, my son, be

weariness of the flesh.

13 C Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, admonished: of making many books whether it be good, or whether it be evil

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

CHAPTER 1

THE Song of songs, which is Solomon's.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than

3 Because of the savor of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves'

love thee.

4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the King hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than and our rafters of fir. wine: the upright love thee.

5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Ke'dar,

as the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

7 Tell me. O thou whom my soul loveth. where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the

flocks of thy companions?

8 If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

9 I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Phā'raōh's

chariots.

10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold.

11 We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

12 While the King sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

13 A bundle of myrrh is my wellbeloved unto me; he shall lie all night

betwixt my breasts.

14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of En-gë'di. 15 Behold, thou art fair, my love; eyes.

16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.
17 The beams of our house are cedar.

CHAPTER 2

AM the rose of Shar'on, and the lily L of the valleys.

2 As the lily among thorns, so is my

love among the daughters.

3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. 5 Stav me with flagons, comfort me

with apples: for I am sick of love. 6 His left hand is under my head, and

his right hand doth embrace me. 7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds

of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please. 8 ¶ The voice of my beloved! behold,

he cometh leaping upon the mountains,

skipping upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our

wall, he looketh forth at the windows. showing himself through the lattice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me. Rise up, my love, my fair one, and

come away.

11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain

is over and gone;

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land:

13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my

fair one, and come away.

14 C O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret blaces of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have

tender grapes.

16 My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.

17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Be'ther.

CHAPTER 3

BY night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him

whom my soul loveth?

4 It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor

awake my love, till he please. 6 Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, per-

fumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant? 7 Behold his bed, which is Solomon's:

threescore valiant men are about it, of ments than all spices! the valiant of Is'rā-ĕl.

8 They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.

9 King Solomon made himself a chariot

of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, O ve daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

CHAPTER 4

EHOLD, thou art fair, my love: be-D hold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gil'ē-ād.

2 Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among

them.

3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

4 Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armory, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of

mighty men.

5 Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

6 Until the day break, and the shadows fice away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

7 Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.

8 ¶ Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Am'a-na, from the top of She'nir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.

9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes, with one

chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! how much better is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine oint-

11 Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the

honevcomb: honey and milk are under another beloved, that thou dost so charge thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.

12 A garden inclosed is my sister, mu spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 Thy plants are an orchard of nomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard.

14 Spikenard and saffron: calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense: myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:

15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

16 M Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

CHAPTER 5

AM come into my garden, my sister. my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice: I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, sauing. Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how

shall I defile them?

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were

moved for him.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon

the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls

took away my veil from me.

8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I am sick of love.

9 I What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? what is thy beloved more than the morning, fair as the moon, clear as

us?

10 My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

11 His head is as the most fine gold: his locks are bushy, and black as a

12 His eyes are as the eyes of doves by

the rivers of waters, washed with milk. and fitly set:

13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, are sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh:

14 His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires:

15 His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countehance is as Lebanon, excellent as the

cedars:

16 His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved. and this is my friend, O daughters of Terusalem.

CHAPTER 6

WHITHER is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee.

2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

4 Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tir zah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners.

5 Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me: thy hair is as a flock of goats that appear from Gil'e-ad:

6 Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and there is not one barren among them.

7 As a piece of a pomegranate are thy

temples within thy locks.

8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

9 My dove, my undefiled is but one: she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 ¶ Who is she that looketh forth as

the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished, and the when I should find thee without, I would pomegranates budded.

12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Am'mi-na'dib.

13 Return, return, O Shu'lam-ite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shu'lam-ite? As it were the company of two armies.

CHAPTER 7

JOW beautiful are thy feet with H shoes, O prince's daughter! the lem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the love, until he please. work of the hands of a cunning workman

2 Thy navel is like a round goblet,

3 Thy two breasts are like two young thee. roes that are twins.

eyes like the fishpools in Hesh'bon, by the gate of Bath'-rab'bim: thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

5 Thine head upon thee is like Car'mel. and the hair of thine head like purple; the King is held in the galleries.

6 How fair and how pleasant art thou, contemned.

O love, for delights!

and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.

8 I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I spoken for? will take hold of the boughs thereof: now the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples

9 And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth towers; then was I in his eyes as one down sweetly, causing the lips of those that found favor.

that are asleep to speak.

is toward me.

into the field; let us lodge in the villages. 12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;

let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

13 The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant up for thee. O my beloved.

CHAPTER 8

THAT thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.

2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

3 His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace

4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusa-

5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is there thy mother brought thee forth; like a heap of wheat set about with lilies. there she brought thee forth that bare

6 ¶ Set me as a seal upon thine heart, 4 Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire. which hath a most vehement flame.

7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be

8 ¶ We have a little sister, and she 7 This thy stature is like to a palm tree, hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be

9 If she be a wall, we will build upon also thy breasts shall be as clusters of her a palace of silver; and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.

10 I am a wall, and my breasts like

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Bā'āl-10 I am my beloved's, and his desire ha'mon; he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof 11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth was to bring a thousand pieces of silver.

12 My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand, and those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice:

cause me to hear it.

14 C Make haste, my beloved, and be fruits, new and old, which I have laid thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

TSATAH

CHAPTER 1

HE vision of I-sa'iah the son of Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzzī'ah, Jo'tham, Ahaz, and Hez'e-ki'ah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken; I have nourished and brought up children, and

they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Is'rā-ĕl doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Is'rā-ĕl unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 ¶ Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart

faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is

desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a

garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. 9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sod'om, and we should have been like unto Gō-mŏr'rah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sŏd'om; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Go-mor'rah.

11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to

tread my courts?

13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash ye, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before

mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the father-

less, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson. they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ve shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

21 C How is the faithful city become a harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. 22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine

mixed with water:

23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Is'ra-el, Ah I will ease me of mine adversaries, and

avenge me of mine enemies.

25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross,

and take away all thy tin:

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judg-

The last days. Swords and blowshares ment, and her converts with righteous-

ness

28 Q And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD

shall be consumed. 29 For they shall be ashamed of the

oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

CHAPTER 2

THE word that I-sa'iah the son of A'moz saw concerning Tudah and

Terusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow

unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us

walk in the light of the LORD.

6 I Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Phi-lis'tines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures: their land is also full of horses. neither is there any end of their chariots:

8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: 9 And the mean man boweth down, and orator.

the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

10 Q Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for

the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down; and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted

up; and he shall be brought low:

13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon. that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Ba'shan.

14 And upon all the high mountains. and upon all the hills that are lifted up, 15 And upon every high tower, and

upon every fenced wall.

16 And upon all the ships of Tar'shish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish. 19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be

accounted of?

CHAPTER 3

FOR, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the pru-

dent, and the ancient,

3 The captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counselor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent princes, and babes shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the hase against the honorable.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy

hand:

7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke

the eyes of his glory.

9 The show of their countenance doth witness against them: and they declare their sin as Sod'om, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the

fruit of their doings.

11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands

shall be given him.

12 I As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and

standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vinevard: the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord God of hosts.

16 Moreover the Lord saith. Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will dis-

cover their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments ert from storm and from rain.

4 And I will give children to be their about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and

the mufflers.

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

21 The rings, and nose jewels,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins.

23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and

the hoods, and the veils.

24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rentand instead of well set hair baldness: and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and

thy mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.

CHAPTER 4

AND in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of

Īs'rā-ĕi.

3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion. and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of

burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a. shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a cov-

CHAPTER 5

TOW will I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-beloved hath a vine-

vard in a very fruitful hill:

2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein; and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Terusalem. and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, be-

twixt me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild

grapes?

5 And now go to: I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain

upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the Lorp of hosts is the house of Is'ra-el, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8 We work with them that ioin house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone

in the midst of the earth!

9 In mine ears said the LORD of hosts. Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of a homer shall

vield an ē'phàh.

11 \ Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night,

till wine inflame them!

and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13 Therefore my people are gone hold, they shall come with speed into captivity, because they have no swiftly:

knowledge: and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be

humbled:

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat

ones shall strangers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were

with a cart rope:

19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Isra-ĕl draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

20 We work them that call evil good. and good evil: that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that out bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to

mingle strong drink:

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Is'ra-el.

25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them. and hath smitten them; and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this 12 And the harp and the viol, the tabret his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 I And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, be-

Isaiah's vision of the Lord. His call

27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels

like a whirlwind:

29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions; yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow; and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

CHAPTER 6

IN the year that king Ŭz-zi'ah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the

house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone: because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the

altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin

purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; not stand, neither shall it come to send me.

9 ¶ And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut not a people. their eyes: lest they see with their eyes.

and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking

in the midst of the land.

13 I But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten; as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

CHAPTER 7

ND it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jo'tham, the son of Uz-zī'ah, king of Judah, that Rē'zīn the king of Syria, and Pe'käh the son of Rěm'a-li'ah, king of Iş'rā-ĕl, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with E'phrāim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the

wood are moved with the wind.

3 Then said the LORD unto I-sa'iah. Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shē'ar-jā'shub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, in the highway of the fuller's field;

4 And say unto him. Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint-hearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Re'zin with Syria, and of the son of Rem'a-

li'ah.

5 Because Syria, E'phrā-im, and the son of Rem'a-li'ah, have taken evil

counsel against thee, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Ta'be-al:

7 Thus saith the Lord God, It shall

pass.

8 For the head of Syria is Damascus. and the head of Damascus is Rē'zīn; and within threescore and five years shall E'phrā-im be broken, that it be

9 And the head of E'phrā-im is Sa-

mā'ri-à, and the head of Sà-mā'rī-à is Rěm'a-li'ah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ve shall not be established.

10 W Moreover the LORD spake again

unto Ahaz, saying,

11 Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God: ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither

will I tempt the LORD.

13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ve weary my God also?

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call

his name Îm-măn'ũ-čl.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and

choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. the land that thou abhorrest shall be for-

saken of both her kings.

17 I The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that E'phra-im departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the

land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all

thorns, and upon all bushes.

20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young

cow and two sheep:

22 And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give, he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall even be for

briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

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25 And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

CHAPTER 8

TOREOVER the LORD said unto I me. Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Ma'hēr-shāl'āl-hāsh'-bāz'.

2 And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record. U-ri'ah the priest, and Zech'a-

ri'ah the son of Te-ber'e-chi'ah.

3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Ma'hēr-shāl'āl-hāsh'-bāz'.

4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry. My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Sà-mā'rī-à shall be taken away before

the king of Assyria.

5 II The LORD spake also unto me

again, saying,

o Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shi-lo'ah that go softly, and rejoice in Re'zin and Rem'a-li'ah's

7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth

of thy land, O Im-man'u-ël.

9 ¶ Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought: speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.

11 Q For the LORD spake thus to me 23 And it shall come to pass in that with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A

confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself: and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Is'ra-el. for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

among my disciples.

17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob,

and I will look for him.

18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Is'ra-ël from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

19 If And when they shall say unto you. Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry; and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

22 And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be

driven to darkness.

CHAPTER 9

NEVERTHELESS the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zëb'ū-lun, and the land of Năph'tà-lī, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon

them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and

thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the voke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder. the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Mĭd'ī-ăn.

5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and

fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall 16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor. The mighty God. The everlasting Ra-

ther, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Is'ra-ël.

9 And all the people shall know, even E'phra-im and the inhabitant of Samā'rī-a, that say in the pride and stout-ness of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will change

them into cedars.

11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Re'zin against him, and

join his enemies together:

12 The Syrians before, and the Philis'tines behind; and they shall devour Is'rā-ĕl with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

13 W For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they

seek the LORD of hosts.

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Is'rā-ĕl head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.

15 The ancient and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth

lies, he is the tail

16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

17 Therefore the LORD shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and not increased the joy: they joy before widows: for every one is a hypocrite and

an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 Q For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

20 And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the the glory of his high looks.
flesh of his own arm:

13 For he saith, By the strength of my

21 Ma-nas'seh, E'phra-im; and E'phraim. Ma-nas'seh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

CHAPTER 10

WOE unto them that decree un-righteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed:

2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!

3 And what will ve do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which no wood. shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave of hosts, send among his fat ones leanyour glory?

4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

5 Q O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger. and the staff in their hand is mine forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul indignation.

6 I will send him against a hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his a few.

8 For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?

9 Is not Căl'no as Căr'chē-mish? is not Hā'māth as Ār'pād? is not Sà-mā'rī-a as Damascus?

10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Terusalem and of Sa-ma'ri-a;

11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Sa-ma'ri-a and her idols, so do to Jeru-

salem and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that, when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and

hand I have done it, and by my wisdom: for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:

14 And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord ness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Iş'rā-ĕl shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day:

18 And shall consume the glory of his and body: and they shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

20 I And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Iş'rā-ĕl, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon heart to destroy and cut off nations not the LORD, the Holy One of Iş'rā-ĕl, in truth.

> 21 The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

22 For though thy people Is'ra-el be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteous-

23 For the Lord GoD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined,

in the midst of all the land

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger

in their destruction.

26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Mid'i-an at the rock of O'reb: and as his rod was upon the sea. so shall he lift it up after the manner of

Egypt.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

28 He is come to A-i'ath, he is passed to Mig'ron: at Mich'mash he hath laid

up his carriages:

29 They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Gē'-ba: Rā'mah is afraid; Gib'ē-ah of Saul is fled.

30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Găl'lim: cause it to be heard unto La'ish.

O poor An'a-thoth.

31 Măd-mê'nàh is removed; the inhabitants of Ge'bim gather themselves to

32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down,

and the haughty shall be humbled. 34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

CHAPTER 11

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD:

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing

of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle

of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed: their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as

10 I And in that day there shall be a root of Tesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gen!

the waters cover the sea.

tiles seek; and his rest shall be glorious. 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Path'ros, and from Cush, and from E'lam, and from Shi'nar, and from Ha' math, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Is'rā-ĕl, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four cor-

ners of the earth.

13 The envy also of E'phra-im shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: E'phrā-im shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex E'phrā-im.

14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Phi-lis'tines toward the 2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest west; they shall spoil them of the east Destruction shall come to Babylon

together: they shall lay their hand upon

Ammon shall obey them.

15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry-shod.

16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Is'ra-el in the day that he came up out

of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 12

AND in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD TEHOVAH is my strength and my song: he also is become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw than fine gold; even a man than the water out of the wells of salvation. golden wedge of O'phir. water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the

earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Is'ra-ël in the midst of thee.

CHAPTER 13

THE burden of Danys..., 1-sa'jah the son of A'moz did see. 2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, ravished. shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones. I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice

in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 C Howl ve: for the day of the LORD E'dom and Mô'ab; and the children of is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another: their faces shall be as flames.

9 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens. and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe. and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and fiee every one into his own

land.

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. 16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not

delight in it.

18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19 ¶ And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chal'dees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sod'om and Go-mor'rah.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Archie pitch tent there: neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces; and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAPTER 14

OR the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Iş'rā-ĕl, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Iş'rā-ĕl shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast

made to serve.

4 ¶ That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. 6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

7 The whole earth is at rest. and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we?

art thou become like unto us?

11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven. O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst

weaken'the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to

hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms:

17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof: that opened not the house of his

prisoners?

18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his

own house.

19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

21 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

23 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the nations.

27 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that king Ahaz died was

this burden.

29 W Rejoice not thou, whole Pal'esti'na, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Pal'es-ti'na, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

32 What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD bath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

CHAPTER 15

L the night Ar of Mo'ab is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Mô'āb is laid waste, and brought to silence:

2 He is gone up to Bā'jith, and to Dībon, the high places, to weep: Mo'ab shall how over Ne'bo, and over Měd'ebà: on all their heads shall be baldness,

and every beard cut off.

3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every

one shall howl, weeping abundantly.

4 And Hesh'bon shall cry, and El'e-a'leh; their voice shall be heard even unto Ja'haz: therefore the armed soldiers of Mo'ab shall cry out; his life

shall be grievous unto him.

5 My heart shall cry out for Mo'ab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zö'ar, a heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Lu'hith with weeping shall they go it shall raise up a cry of destruction.

the grass faileth, there is no green thing. is fallen.

7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid joy out of the plentiful field; and in the

hand that is stretched out upon all the up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows.

> 8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Mo'ab: the howling thereof unto Eg'la-im, and the howling thereof unto Be'er-e'lim.

> 9 For the waters of Di'mon shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Mo'ab, and upon the remnant of the

CHAPTER 16

CEND ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Se'la to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Mo'ab shall be at the fords of Ar'non.

3 Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.

4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Mô'āb: be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, HE burden of Mo'ab. Because in the oppressors are consumed out of the

> 5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

> 6 Q We have heard of the pride of Mo'ab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.

> 7 Therefore shall Mo'ab howl for Mô'āb, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kir-har'e-seth shall ye mourn; surely they are stricken.

> 8 For the fields of Hesh'bon languish, and the vine of Sib'mah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even unto Ja'zer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

9 4 Therefore I will bewail with the up; for in the way of Hor'o-na'im they weeping of Ja'zer the vine of Sib'mah: I will water thee with my tears, O Hesh! 6 For the waters of Nim'rim shall be bon, and El'e-a'leh: for the shouting for desolate: for the hay is withered away, 'thy summer fruits and for thy harvest

10 And gladness is taken away, and

vineyards there shall be no singing. neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.

11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like a harp for Mo'ab, and mine inward

parts for Kir-ha'resh.

12 C And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Mo'ab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

13 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Mô'ab since that time.

14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Mo'ab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

CHAPTER 17

THE burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of A-ro'er are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

3 The fortress also shall cease from E'phrā-im, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall

wax lean.

5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of

Rĕph'ā-im.

6 Tyet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl.

7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect

to the Holy One of Is'ra-ël.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images. away and cut down the branches. 9 In that day shall his strong cities

The burden of Damascus. Of Ethiobia

be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl: and there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the Rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:

11 In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief

and of desperate sorrow.

12 We to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the

rushing of mighty waters!

13 The nations shall rush like the rush. ing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off. and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14 And behold at eveningtide trouble: and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

CHAPTER 18

WOE to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled. to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto: a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!

3 All ve inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains: and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear

4 For so the LORD said unto me. I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5 For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take

6 They shall be left together unto the

upon them, and all the beasts of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

earth shall winter upon them.

brought unto the LORD of hosts of a them know what the LORD of hosts hath people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

CHAPTER 19

HE burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence. and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

2 And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor; city against city.

and kingdom against kingdom.

3 And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

fierce king shall rule over them, saith

the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

6 And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defense shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.

7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

9 Moreover they that work in fine flax. and they that weave networks, shall be

confounded.

10 And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sluices and ponds for fish.

fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say of the earth; and the fowls shall summer ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the

12 Where are they? where are thy wise 7 In that time shall the present be men? and let them tell thee now, and let

purposed upon Egypt.

13 The princes of Zo'an are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.

14 The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his

vomit.

15 Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or

rush, may do.

16 In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

17 And the land of Tudah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the the idols, and to the charmers, and to LORD of hosts, which he hath deter-

mined against it.

18 ¶ In that day shall five cities in 4 And the Egyptians will I give over the land of Egypt speak the language into the hand of a cruel lord; and a of Ca'naan, and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

> 19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof

to the LORD.

20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he the mouth of the brooks, and every shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it.

22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal

them.

23 In that day shall there be a high-11 C Surely the princes of Zo'an are way out of Egypt to Assyria, and the fools, the counsel of the wise counselors Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the

24 In that day shall Is'rā-ël be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:

25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless,

saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Îş'rā-ĕl mine inheritance.

CHAPTER 20

N the year that Tär'tan came unto Ashdod, (when Sär'gon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

2 At the same time spake the LORD by I-sa'iah the son of A'moz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, Like as my servant I-sa'iah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of

Egypt their glory.

say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

CHAPTER 21

HE burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; The treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O E'lam: besiege, O Mē'di-a: all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

4 My heart panted, fearfulness af-frighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.

Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians tower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield.

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me.

Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

7 And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a

chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:

8 And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole

nights: 9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of

men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

10 O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el, have I declared unto you.

II The burden of Du'mah. He calleth to me out of Se'ir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come.

13 The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye traveling companies of Ded'a-nim.

14 The inhabitants of the land of Te'ma 6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

15 For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. 16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of

a hireling, and all the glory of Ke'dar shall fail:

17 And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Ke'dar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Is'ra-ël hath spoken it.

CHAPTER 22

HE burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?

2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.

3 All thy rulers are fled together, they 5 Prepare the table, watch in the watch- are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, which have fled from far.

4 Therefore said I, Look away from me: I will weep bitterly, labor not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the

daughter of my people.

5 For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord God of hosts in the valley of vision. breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

6 And E'lam bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir

uncovered the shield.

7 And it shall come to pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots. and the horsemen shall set themselves

in array at the gate.

8 C And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armor of the house of the forest. 9 Ye have seen also the breaches of the

city of David, that they are many; and ve gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall.

11 Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but we have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

12 And in that day did the Lord Gop of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with

sackcloth:

13 And behold joy and gladness, slaving oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink: for to-morrow we shall die.

14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die,

saith the Lord God of hosts.

15 Thus saith the Lord Gop of hosts. Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Sheb'na, which is over the house,

and sau

16 What hast thou here, and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth a habitation for himself in a rock?

17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will

surely cover thee.

18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.

19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull

thee down.

20 Q And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant E-li'a-

kim the son of Hil-ki'ah:

21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Terusalem, and to the house of Tudah.

22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall

shut, and none shall open.

23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious

throne to his father's house.

24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts. shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall: and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath

spoken if.

CHAPTER 23

THE burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tär'shish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chit'tim it is revealed to them.

2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zi'don, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

3 And by great waters the seed of Si'hôr, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.

4 Be thou ashamed, O Zi'don: for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.

5 As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report

of Tyre.

6 Pass ye over to Tär'shish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.

7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet with the priest; as with the servant, so shall carry her afar off to sojourn.

8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are

the honorable of the earth?

9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it. to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

10 Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tär'shish: there is no more

strength.

it He stretched out his hand over the languish.

So he shook the kingdoms: the LORD 5 The earth also is defiled under the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong-

holds thereof.

12 And he said. Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zi'don: arise, pass over to Chit' tim: there also shalt thou have no rest.

13 Behold the land of the Chal-de'ans: this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.

14 Howl, ye ships of Tär'shish: for

your strength is laid waste.

15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as a harlot.

16 Take a harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that

thou mayest be remembered.

17 C And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire. and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

18 And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

CHAPTER 24

EHOLD, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof, treacherous dealers have dealt treach-

2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with his master; as with the maid. so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

3 The land shall be utterly emptied. and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath

spoken this word.

4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away. the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do

inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting cove-

nant.

6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men

7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merry-hearted do

sigh.

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them

that drink it.

10 The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of

the land is gone.

12 In the city is left desolation, and the

gate is smitten with destruction.

13 ¶ When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Is'rā-ĕl in the isles of the sea.

16 I From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the have dealt very treacherously.

17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth,

18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

19 The earth is utterly broken down. the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is

moved exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22 And they shall be gathered together. as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

23 Then the moon shall be confounded. and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

CHAPTER 25

LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name: for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

2 For thou hast made of a city a heap: of a defensed city a ruin; a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible na-

tions shall fear thee.

4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones of the just. shall be brought low.

erously; yea, the treacherous dealers LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things; a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

> 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all

nations.

8 He will swallow up death in victory: and the Lord Gop will wine away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 C And it shall be said in that day. Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Mo'ab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low. and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

CHAPTER 26

IN that day shall this song be sung in A the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may

enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD IEHOVAH is everlasting

strength.

5 Q For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the

needy.

7 The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path

shall be brought low.

8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O

6 And in this mountain shall the LORD, have we waited for thee; the

desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the earth for their iniquity: the earth the remembrance of thee.

9 With my soul have I desired thee in no more cover her slain. the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn

righteousness.

10 Let favor be showed to the wicked, uet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people: yea, the fire of thine enemies shall

devour them.

12 I LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our

works in us.

13 O LORD our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

14 They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their

memory to perish.

15 Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth.

16 LORD, in trouble have they visited thee; they poured out a prayer when thy

chastening was upon them.

17 Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs: so have we been in thy sight, O LORD

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

20 T Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of

also shall disclose her blood, and shall

CHAPTER 27

N that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea. 2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.

3 I the LORD do keep it: I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will

keep it night and day.

4 Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.

5 Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and

he shall make peace with me.

6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Îş'rā-ĕl shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 THath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are

slain by him?

8 In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind. 9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

10 Yet the defensed city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and

consume the branches thereof.

11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will show them no favor.

12 C And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ve shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of İş⁷rā-ĕl.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, his place to punish the inhabitants of that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

7OE to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of E'phra-im, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of E'phra-im, shall be trodden under feet: 4 And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people.

6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. 7 G But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out

of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. 8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand

doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept,

precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said. This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept pointed barley and the rye in upon precept; line upon line, line upon 26 For his God doth instruct line; here a little, and there a little; that cretion, and doth teach him.

they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 Q Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this

people which is in Jerusalem.

15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

16 C Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

17 Judgment also will I lay to the line. and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18 ¶ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

20 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

21 For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Per'a-zim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gib'e-on, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong; for I have heard from the Lord Gop of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

23 ¶ Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.

24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods

of his ground?
25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rye in their place?

26 For his God doth instruct him to dis-

27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin: but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.

28 Bread corn is bruised: because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise

it with his horsemen.

29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in that is not learned, saying, Read this I counsel, and excellent in working,

CHAPTER 29

OE to A'rī-ĕl, to A'rī-ĕl, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

2 Yet I will distress A'rī-ĕl, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow; and it

shall be unto me as A'ri-ël.

3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts

against thee.

4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

5 Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be

at an instant suddenly.

6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring teemed as a forest? fire.

7 I And the multitude of all the nations that fight against A'ri-el, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of

a night vision.

8 It shall even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth: but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

9 C Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with redeemed Abraham, concerning the

strong drink.

10 For the LORD hath poured out upon vou the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray ther and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed

12 And the book is delivered to him pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

13 C Wherefore the Lord said, Foras. much as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people. even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their

prudent men shall be hid.

15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say. Who seeth us? and who knoweth

16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it. He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it. He had no understanding?

17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be es-

18 (And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity. and out of darkness.

19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of

Is'rā-ĕl.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed. and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:

21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the

just for a thing of nought.

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who house of Tacob, Tacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanc-tify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Is'ra-el.

24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

CHAPTER 30

VOE to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh. and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

4 For his princes were at Zo'an, and his ambassadors came to Ha'nes.

5 They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

6 The burden of the beasts of the south: Into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them.

7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

8 Q Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and

9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the

law of the LORD:

10 Which say to the seers. See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth Get thee hence. things, prophesy deceits:

11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Is'rā-ĕl to cease from before us.

of Is'rā-ĕl. Because ve despise this word, pastures.

and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking com-

eth suddenly at an instant.

14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth. or to take water withal out of the pit.

15 For thus saith the Lord Gop, the Holy One of Is'ra-ël; In returning and rest shall ve be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:

and ye would not.

16 But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

17 One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign

on a hill.

18 Q And therefore will the LORD wait. that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it,

he will answer thee.

20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

22 Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it,

23 Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One in that day shall thy cattle feed in large

24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers

fall.

26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 T Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as

a devouring fire:

28 And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the Mighty One of Iş'rā-ĕl.

30 And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall show the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and and his young men shall be discomfited. tempest, and hailstones.

shall the Assyrian be beaten down,

which smote with a rod.

32 And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it.

33 For To'phet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

CHAPTER 31

OE to them that go down to not be dim, and the ears of them that Egypt for help; and stay on hear shall hearken. horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Iş'rā-ĕl, neither seek the LORD!

2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out

his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall. and he that is helped shall fall down, and

they all shall fail together.

4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him. he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

. 5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he

will preserve it.

6 ¶ Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Is'ra-el have deeply revolted. 7 For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.

8 I Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword,

9 And he shall pass over to his strong-31 For through the voice of the LORD hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the Lorp, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in

Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 32

EHOLD, a King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

2 And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

3 And the eyes of them that see shall

4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

5 The vile person shall be no more

called liberal, nor the churl said to be

bountiful.

6 For the vile person will speak villainy. and his heart will work iniquity, to practhe LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry; and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7 The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right.

8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he

stand

9 TRise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

10 Many days and years shall ve be troubled, ye careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not

come.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease: be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

12 They shall lament for the teats. for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful

vine.

13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:

14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

15 Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be

counted for a forest.

wilderness, and righteousness remain in

the fruitful field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

19 When it shall hail, coming down on

low place.
20 Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

CHAPTER 33

TOE to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest tise hypocrisy, and to utter error against treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

> 2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the

time of trouble.

3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the na-

tions were scattered.

4 And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar; as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

5 The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judg-

ment and righteousness.

6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

7 Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall

weep bitterly.

8 The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.

9 The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Shăr'on is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Car'mel shake off their fruits.

10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall 16 Then judgment shall dwell in the bring forth stubble; your breath, as fire, shall devour you.

12 And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

13 I Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might.

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the dethe forest; and the city shall be low in a youring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stopneth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;

16 He shall dwell on high; his place of from the fig tree. defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.

17 Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty: they shall behold the land that

is very far off.

18 Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the

19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand

20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the for the controversy of Zion. stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

21 But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our King; he

will save us.

23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast: they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prev.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

CHAPTER 34

OME near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their melted with their blood.

dissolved, and the heavens shall be spirit it hath gathered them,

rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig.

5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Id'ū-mē'a, and upon the people of my

curse, to judgment.

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Boz'rah, and a great slaughter in the land of Id'ū-mē'à.

7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls: and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with

fatness.

8 For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses

9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

11 ¶ But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion.

and the stones of emptiness. 12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there. and all her princes shall be nothing.

13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be a habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.

14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there. and find for herself a place of rest.

15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 I Seek ye out of the book of the carcasses, and the mountains shall be LORD, and read; no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my 4 And all the host of heaven shall be mouth it hath commanded, and his The desert to blossom. Sennacherib cometh against Jerusalem ISAIAH 34-36

17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

CHAPTER 35

THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as

the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Car'mel and Shar'on; they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

3 ¶ Strengthen ye the weak hands, and

confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and saye you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall

be unstopped.

6 Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds

and rushes.

8 And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed

shall walk there:

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CHAPTER 36

NOW it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hěz'ē-k'áh, that Sĕn-nāch'ēr-īb king of Assyria came up against all the defensed cities of Judah, and took them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rab'

shá-kěh from Lä'chish to Jerusalem unto king Hěz'ē-ki'áh with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

3 Then came forth unto him E-li'akim, Hil-ki'ah's son, which was over the house, and Sheb'na the scribe, and lo'ah. A'saph's son, the recorder.

4 M And Rāb'shā-kēh said unto them, Say ye now to Hēz'ē-ki'āh, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustess? 5 I say, sayest thou, (but they are but vain words) I have counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pha raoh king of Egypt to

all that trust in him.

7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the Lord our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hêz'e-ki'āh hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?

8 Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders

upon them.

9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? the LORD said unto me, Go up against this

land, and destroy it.

11 (I Then said E-li'á-kim and Shěb'nà and Jō'áh unto Rāb'shà-këh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

12 ¶ But Rāb'shā-kĕh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?

13 Then Răb'sha-kĕh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hez'e-

kī'ah deceive vou; for he shall not be able to deliver you.

15 Neither let Hěz'ē-kī'ah make vou trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Hearken not to Hez'e-ki'ah: for thus saith the king of Assyria. Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me; and eat ve every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern:

17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 Beware lest Hěz'ē-kī'ah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 Where are the gods of Ha'math and Ar'phad? where are the gods of Seph'arva'im? and have they delivered Sa-ma'

rī-a out of my hand?

20 Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saving, Answer him not.

22 C Then came E-li'a-kim, the son of Hil-ki'ah, that was over the household, and Shěb'nà the scribe, and Jō'ah, the son of A'saph, the recorder, to Hez'ekī'āh with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Răb'sha-kĕh.

CHAPTER 37

 \mathbf{A}^{ND} it came to pass, when king $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{\tilde{e}}\mathbf{z}'\mathbf{\tilde{e}}$ - $\mathbf{k}\mathbf{\tilde{i}'}\mathbf{\hat{a}}\mathbf{h}$ heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And he sent E-li'á-kim, who was over the household, and Sheb'na the scribe. and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto I-şā'jah the prophet LORD, saying, the son of A'moz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hěz'ē-kī'ah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rab'sha-keh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD the God hath heard: wherefore lift up thu prayer for the remnant that is left.

5 So the servants of king Hez'e-ki'ah

came to I-sa'iah.

6 @ And I-sa'iah said unto them. Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD. Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him. and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 Q So Răb'shà-kĕh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Līb'nah: for he had heard that he was

departed from La'chish.

9 And he heard say concerning Tir-hā² kah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it. he sent messengers to Hez'ekī'ah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hez'e-kī'ah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt

thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Go'zăn, and Hā'răn, and Re'zenh, and the children of E'den which were in Te-lăs'sar?

13 Where is the king of Ha'math, and the king of Ar'phad, and the king of the city of Seph'ar-va'im, He'na, and I'vah?

14 C And Hěz'ē-kī'àh received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hez'e-kī'ah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hez'e-ki'ah praved unto the

16 O LORD of hosts, God of Iş'rā-ĕl, that dwellest between the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

17 Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear:

open thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, hear all the words of Sen-nach'er-ib. which hath sent to reproach the living God.

18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assvria have laid waste all the nations, and

their countries.

19 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O LORD our God. save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou

art the LORD, even thou only.

21 Then I-sa'iah the son of A'moz sent unto Hěz'ē-ki'âh, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Is'ra-el, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennăch'er-ib king of Assyria:

22 This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him: The virgin. the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her

head at thee.

23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the

Holy One of Is'ra-el.

24 By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof; and I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Car'mel.

25 I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.

26 Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it: and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defensed cities into ruinous heaps.

27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

28 But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage

against me.

therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this shall be a sign unto thee. Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vinevards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Yudah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

32 For out of Terusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields,

nor cast a bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall be return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

35 For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant

David's sake.

36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

37 ¶ So Sen-năch'er-ib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nin'e-veh.

38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nis'roch his god, that A-dram'me-leeh and Sha-rezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and E'sar-had'don his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 38

N those days was Hěz'ē-kī'àh sick unto death. And I-sa'iah the prophet the son of A'moz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD. Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die and not live.

2 Then Hez'e-ki'ah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the

LORD.

3 And said, Remember now, O LORD 29 Because thy rage against me, and I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hez'e-kī'ah wept sore. 4 C Then came the word of the LORD

to I-sā'jah, saying,

5 Go, and say to Hez'e-ki'ah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father. I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria:

and I will defend this city.

7 And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

9 The writing of Hez'e-ki'ah king of Tudah, when he had been sick, and was

recovered of his sickness:

10 I said in the cutting off of my days. I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, even the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the in-

habitants of the world.

12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

13 I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day even to night wilt thou make an end

of me.

14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitter-

ness of my soul.

16 O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make

me to live.

17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterdelivered it from the pit of corruption: the palace of the king of Babylon. for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Hezekiah praiseth God for his recovery

18 For the grave cannot praise thee. death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for the truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

21 For Î-şā'jāh had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover.

22 Hěz'ē-kī'ah also had said. What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

CHAPTER 39

T that time Mē-ro'dach-bal'a-dan. A the son of Băl'a-dăn, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hez'ekī'ah; for he had heard that he had been

sick, and was recovered.

2 And Hěz'ē-kī'āh was glad of them. and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment. and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hez'e-ki'ah showed them

3 Then came I-şā'jāh the prophet unto king Hěz'ē-kī'ah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hěz'ē-kī'ah said. They are come from a far country unto me, even from

Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hez'e-ki'ah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them. 5 Then said I-sa'iah to Hez'e-ki'ah.

Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: 6 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they ness; but thou hast in love to my soul take away; and they shall be eunuchs in

> 8 Then said Hez'e-kī'ah to I-sā'iah. Good is the word of the LORD which

thou hast spoken. He said moreover. For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAPTER 40

OMFORT ye, comfort ye my people. saith your God.

2 Speak ve comfortably to Terusalem. and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 The voice of him that crieth in the LORD, make straight in the desert a than nothing, and vanity.

highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and or what likeness will ye compare unto every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is

grass.

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall

stand for ever.

9 ¶ O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Terusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

10 Behold, the Lord Gop will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and

his work before him.

11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counselor hath

taught him?

14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding?

15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient

for a burnt offering.

17 All nations before him are as nothwilderness, Prepare ye the way of the ing; and they are counted to him less

18 To whom then will ve liken God?

him?

19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

20 He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot: he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.

21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ve not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: 23 That bringeth the princes to nothing: he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown; yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall

take them away as stubble.

25 To whom then will ve liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power: not one faileth.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Iş'rā-ēl, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28 C Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

CHAPTER 41

 $\mathbf{K}^{ ext{EEP}}$ silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together

to judgment.

2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.

3 He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone

with his feet.

4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

5 The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and

came.

6 They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of

good courage.

7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should

not be moved. 8 But thou, Is'rā-ĕl, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of

Abraham my friend.

9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee. Thou art my servant: I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10 Tear thou not: for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I thee: yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear

not; I will help thee.

14 Fear not, thou worm Tacob, and ve men of Is'rā-ĕl; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One

of İş'rā-ĕl.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in

the Holy One of Is'ra-ël.

17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Is'ra-el will not forsake them.

18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water,

19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:

20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Is'ra-el hath

created it.

21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD: bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

22 Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen: let them show the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

23 Show the things that are to come will strengthen thee; yea, I will help hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he

that chooseth you.

25 I have raised up one from the north. and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that showeth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.

27 The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28 For I beheld, and there was no man: even among them, and there was no counselor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

works are nothing: their molten images

are wind and confusion.

CHAPTER 42

DEHOLD my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my Spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gen'tiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged. till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 I the LORD have called thee in rightcousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gĕn'tīles:

the prisoners from the prison, and them house.

8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another,

neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell vou of

them.

10 Sing unto the LORD a new song. and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kē'dar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.

13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies,

14 I have long time holden my peace; 29 Behold, they are all vanity; their I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.

> 15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will

dry up the pools.

16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not: I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten

images, Ye are our gods.

18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind.

that ye may see.

19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?

20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he

heareth not.

21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the

law, and make it honorable.

22 But this is a people robbed and 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: that sit in darkness out of the prison they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Iş'rā-ĕl to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

CHAPTER 43

DIT now thus saith the LORD that Created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O İş'rā-ĕl, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned: neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

One of Is'ra-el, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and rise: they are extinct, they are quenched se ba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight. thou hast been honorable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

5 Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather

thee from the west:

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth:

7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

have eyes, and the deaf that have me, O Iş'rā-ĕl.

ears.

bring forth their witnesses, that they incense. may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

23 Who among you will give ear to this? chosen; that ye may know and believe who will hearken and hear for the time me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed. neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside

me there is no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved. and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.

13 Yea, before the day was I am he: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall

let it?

14 Thus saith the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Is'ra-el; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chal-de'ans, whose cry is in the ships.

15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the

Creator of Is'ra-el, your King.

16 Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters:

17 Which bringeth forth the chariot 3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not

> 18 T Remember ve not the former things, neither consider the things of

old.

19 Behold. I will do a new thing: now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honor me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.

22 @ But thou hast not called upon me, 8 I Bring forth the blind people that O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of

23 Thou hast not brought me the small 9 Let all the nations be gathered to- cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither gether, and let the people be assem- hast thou honored me with thy sacribled: who among them can declare this, fices. I have not caused thee to serve and show us former things? let them with an offering, nor wearied thee with

24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me 10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou LORD, and my servant whom I have hast made me to serve with thy sins,

thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I. even I. am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou

mayest be justified.

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against

me.

28 Therefore I have profaned the Jacob to the curse, and Is'ra-el to reproaches.

CHAPTER 44

TET now hear. O Tacob my servant: and îş'rā-ĕl, whom I have chosen: 2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee.

and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Tesh'u-run, whom I

have chosen.

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water-

courses.

5 One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Is'ra-el.

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Is'rā-ĕl, and his Redeemer the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last: and besides me there is no God.

7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them.

8 Fear ve not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? yea, there is

no God; I know not any.

9 They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

10 Who hath formed a god, or molten

nothing?

11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together. let them stand up: vet they shall fear. and they shall be ashamed together.

12 The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth; he drinketh no

water, and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out his princes of the sanctuary, and have given rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

> 14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash.

and the rain doth nourish it.

15 Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

16 He burneth part thereof in the fire: with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am

warm, I have seen the fire:

17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it. and saith. Deliver me: for thou art my god.

18 They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see: and their hearts, that

they cannot understand.

19 And none considereth in his heart. neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say. I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived. heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there

not a lie in my right hand?

21 @ Remember these, O Jacob and a graven image that is profitable for Iş'rā-ĕl; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant; O Is ra-el, thou shalt not be forgotten of girded thee, though thou hast not

22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have re-

deemed thee.

23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Is'rā-ĕl.

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb. I am the LORD that maketh all things: that stretcheth forth the heavens alone: that spreadeth abroad the earth by

myself;

25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad: that turneth wise men backward, and mak-

eth their knowledge foolish;

26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah. Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: 27 That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

28 That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built: and to the temple. Thy foundation

shall be laid.

CHAPTER 45

HUS saith the LORD to his anointed. to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two-leaved gates: and the gates shall not be shut;

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in

sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I. the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Iş'rā-ĕl.

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Is'rā-ĕl mine elect. I have even called idols. thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

else, there is no God besides me: I world without end.

known me:

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the

LORD do all these things.

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above. and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

9 Wee unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no

hands?

10 Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Is'ra-el, and his Maker. Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I. even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their

host have I commanded.

13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward,

saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD, The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sa-be'ans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God.

15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Iş'rā-ĕi, the Saviour.

16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of

17 But Is'rā-ĕl shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye 5 I am the LORD, and there is none shall not be ashamed nor confounded

18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD, and there is none else.

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I de-

clare things that are right.

20 ¶ Assemble yourselves and come: draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring them near: yea. let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and

there is none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness. and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall

swear. 24 Surely shall one say, In the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. 25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Îş'rā-ĕl be justified, and shall glory.

CHAPTER 46

DEL boweth down, Ne'bō stoopeth; their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy laden; they are a burden to the uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. weary beast.

2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

3 ¶ Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Is'rā-ĕl, which are borne bu me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

we may be like?

make me equal, and compare me, that 6 They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they

fall down, yea, they worship.

7 They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, vet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and show yourselves men: bring it again to mind. O ve

transgressors.

9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My coun-sel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I

have purposed it, I will also do it. 12 I Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:

13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Iş'rā-ĕl my glory.

CHAPTER 47

OME down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chal-de'ans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg,

3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as

4 As for our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of

Īs'rā-ĕl.

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chal-deănș: for thou shalt no more be called. The lady of kingdoms.

6 C I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and 5 II To whom will ye liken me, and given them into thine hand: thou didn't hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 ¶ And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

8 Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that savest in thine heart, I am, and none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know

the loss of children: 9 But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of

children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10 I For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else be-

sides me.

11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments. and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast labored from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers. the stargazers, the monthly prognostithese things that shall come upon thee.

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deflame: there shall not be a coal to warm

at, nor fire to sit before it.

whom thou hast labored, even thy merchants, from thy youth; they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall dation of the earth, and my right hand save thee.

CHAPTER 48

name of the LORD, and make mention 15 I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have

show them no mercy; upon the ancient of the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, but not in truth. nor in righteousness.

> 2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Iş'rā-ël: The LORD of hosts is

his name.

3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them: I did them suddenly, and they came to Dass.

4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and

thy brow brass:

5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I showed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them; and my graven image, and my molten image. hath commanded them.

6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have showed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

9 ¶ For my name's sake will I defer 13 Thou art wearied in the multitude mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. 10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not cators, stand up, and save thee from with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

11 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my liver themselves from the power of the name be polluted? and I will not give

my glory unto another.

12 T Hearken unto me, O Jacob and 15 Thus shall they be unto thee with Is'ra-el, my called: I am he: I am the

first, I also am the last.

13 Mine hand also hath laid the founhath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and FEAR ye this, O house of Jacob, hear; which among them hath declared I which are called by the name of these things? The LORD hath loved Iş'rā-ĕl, and are come forth out of the him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, waters of Judah, which swear by the and his arm shall be on the Chal-de ans.

called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16 C Come ye near unto me, hear ve this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GoD.

and his Spirit, hath sent me. 17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer,

the Holy One of Is'ra-el; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit. which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. 18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my

commandments! then had thy neace been as a river, and thy righteousness

as the waves of the sea:

19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 C Go ve forth of Babylon, flee ve from the Chal-de'ans, with a voice of singing declare ve, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22 There is no peace, saith the LORD,

unto the wicked.

CHAPTER 49

ISTEN. O isles, unto me: hearken, ye people, from far: The LORD hath called me from the womb: from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me:

3 And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O İş'rā-el, in whom I will be glorified.

4 Then I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

5 M And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Is ra-ël be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said. It is a light thing that

thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Is'ra-el: I will also give thee for a light to the Gen'tiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Is'rā-ĕl, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD that is faithful, and the Holy One of Is'ra-el. and he shall choose thee.

8 Thus saith the LORD. In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate

heritages:

9 That thou mayest say to the prisoners. Go forth: to them that are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of

water shall he guide them.

11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

12 Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of

Si'nim.

13 ¶ Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget

16 Behold. I have graven thee upon the palms of mu hands; thy walls are con-

tinually before me.

17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

18 ¶ Lift up thine eyes round about,

and behold: all these gather themseives together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

20 The children which thou shalt have. after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they heen?

22 Thus saith the Lord Gop. Behold. I will lift up mine hand to the Gen'tiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be car-

ried upon their shoulders.

23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. 24 T Shall the prey be taken from the

mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will

save thy children.

26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

CHAPTER 50

HUS saith the LORD, Where is the 1 bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions creased him. is your mother put away.

2 Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all. that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst. 3 I clothe the heavens with blackness.

and I make sackcloth their covering. 4 The Lord God hath given me the

tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither

turned away back.

6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7 Tor the Lord GOD will help me: therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint. and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the

moth shall eat them up.

10 ¶ Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ve have of mine hand; ve shall lie down in sorrow.

CHAPTER 51

TEARKEN to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

2 Look unto Abraham your father; and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and in-

3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he

will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like E'den, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4 C Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of

the people.

5 My righteousness is near: my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they

trust

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke. and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7 II Hearken unto me, ve that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their

revilings.

8 For the moth shall eat them up like a earment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

9 C Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Ra'hab, and

wounded the dragon?

10 Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy: and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as

grass;

and hast feared continually every day

because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where

is the fury of the oppressor?

14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

15 But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared:

The LORD of hosts is his name.

16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

17 T Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of

trembling, and wrung them out.

18 There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth: neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up.

19 These two things are come unto thee: who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword; by whom shall I comfort

thee?

20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with

wine:

22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that

went over.

CHAPTER 52

AWAKE, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful gar-13 And forgettest the LORD thy Maker, ments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for that hath stretched forth the heavens, henceforth there shall no more come into and laid the foundations of the earth: thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus saith the LORD. Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall

be redeemed without money.

4 For thus saith the Lord God, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD: and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: be-

hold, it is I.

7 I How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice: with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the

LORD shall bring again Zion.

9 ¶ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the

salvation of our God.

11 ¶ Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Is'ra-el will

be your rearward.

13 ¶ Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and ex-

tolled, and be very high.

14 As many were astonished at thee: his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told

CHAPTER 53

7HO hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the

LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was despised, and we

esteemed him not.

4 ¶ Surely he hath borne our griefs. and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God.

and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniguities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray: we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the

iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, vet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression

of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death: because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their

iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath them shall they see; and that which poured out his soul unto death: and he they had not heard shall they consider, was numbered with the transgressors: and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

CHAPTER 54

CING. O barren, thou that didst not bear: break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gen'tiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded: for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

5 For thy Maker is thine husband: The LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Is'rā-ĕl; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit. and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I

gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment: but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

11 C O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the

peace of thy children.

14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression: for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall

fall for thy sake.

16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 T No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD. and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 55

HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ve. buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and

commander to the people.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Iş'rā-ĕl; for he hath glorified thee.

6 G Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ve upon him while he is

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your

thoughts. 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and

bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall ac-complish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the

field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

CHAPTER 56

THUS saith the LORD, Keep ye I judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my right-

cousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed is the man that doeth this. and the son of man that layeth hold on it: that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

3 C Neither let the son of the stranger. that hath joined himself to the LORD. speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and

take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. join themselves to the LORD, to serve these?

8 T For my thoughts are not your him, and to love the name of the LORD. to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant:

7 Even them will I bring to my holy

mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

8 The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Is'ra-el sai'h, Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that

are gathered unto him.

9 M All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest. 10 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down. loving to slumber.

11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for

his gain, from his quarter.

12 Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine. and we will fill ourselves with strong drink: and to-morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

CHAPTER 57

HE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

2 He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in

his uprightness.

3 © But draw near hither, ve sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer

and the whore.

4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ve a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood.

5 Inflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the

6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat 6 Also the sons of the stranger, that offering. Should I receive comfort in thou set thy bed; even thither wentest heal him.

thou up to offer sacrifice.

8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them: thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it.

9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfurnes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thuself even

unto hell.

10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not. There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not

grieved.

11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

12 I will declare thy righteousness. and thy works; for they shall not profit

13 When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall . carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain:

14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my

people.

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the

souls which I have made.

17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and will heal comforts unto him and to his mourners.

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, vanity; peace to him that is far off, and to him

7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast that is near, saith the LORD; and I will

20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God.

to the wicked.

CHAPTER 58

RY aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Tacob their sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

3 ¶ Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and

exact all your labors.

4 Behold, ve fast for strife and debate. and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ve shall not fast as ue do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break

every yoke? 7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him: and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward.

9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away him: I will lead him also, and restore from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking

10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the

then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought. and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of

paths to dwell in.

13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: know them:

14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD

hath spoken it.

CHAPTER 59

EHOLD, the Lord's hand is not D shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue

hath muttered perverseness.

4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wast- Zion, and unto them that turn from ing and destruction are in their paths. transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

8 The way of peace they know not; and

hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

11 We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it

is far off from us.

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we

13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart

words of falsehood.

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

16 I And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteous-

ness, it sustained him.

17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to

the islands he will repay recompense. 19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against

20 I And the Redeemer shall come to

21 As for me, this is my covenant with

them, saith the LORD; My Spirit that thee the forces of the Gen'tiles, and is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of those nations shall be utterly wasted. thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

CHAPTER 60

ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen

upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee. and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gen'tiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy

rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together. they come to thee; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be

nursed at thu side.

5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gen'tiles shall come unto

6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Mid'i-an and E'phâh; all they from Shē'bà shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of

the LORD.

7 All the flocks of Kë'dar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Ne-ba'joth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.

8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

9 Surely the isles shall wait for me. and the ships of Tär'shish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Iş'rā-ĕl, because he hath glorified thee.

10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had

mercy on thee.

that their king may be brought.

12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea,

13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make

the place of my feet glorious.

14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee. The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Iş'rā-ĕl.

15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee. I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gěn'tileş, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine

exactors righteousness.

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light,

and thy God thy glory.

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

CHAPTER 61

11 Therefore thy gates shall be open THE Spirit of the Lord God is upon continually; they shall not be shut day me; because the LORD hath anointed nor night; that men may bring unto me to preach good tidings unto the

meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound:

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God: to comfort all that mourn:

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called Trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

4 ¶ And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many

generations.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6 But ve shall be named The priests of the LORD: men shall call you The ministers of our God: ve shall eat the riches of the Gen'tiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 I For your shame ue shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gen'tiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD. my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her vation cometh; behold, his reward is bud, and as the garden causeth the with him, and his work before him. things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

CHAPTER 62

OR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

2 And the Gen'tiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD

shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Heph'zi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee. and thy land shall be married.

5 ¶ For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. 6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls. O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not

silence. 7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a

praise in the earth.

8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength. Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine. for the which thou hast labored:

9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

10 \$\Pi\$ Go through, go through the gates; prepare ve the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world. Say ve to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy sal-

12 And they shall call them, The holy people. The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

CHAPTER 63

WHO is this that cometh from E'dom, with dyed garments from Boz'rah? this that is glorious in his apstrength? I that speak in righteousness. mighty to save.

parel, and thy garments like him that

treadeth in the winevat?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger. and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is

come.

5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their

strength to the earth.

7 I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Is'ra-el. which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.

8 For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he

was their Saviour.

9 In all their affliction he was afflicted. and the Angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

10 I But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his Holy Spirit within him?

12 That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself

an everlasting name?

13 That led them through the deep, as a horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down into the

valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused parel, traveling in the greatness of his him to rest; so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

15 ¶ Look down from heaven, and 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine ap- behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal.

and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me?

are they restrained?

16 Doubtless thou art our Father. though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Is'rā-ēl acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our Father, our Redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

17 ¶ O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine

inheritance.

18 The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanc-

19 We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by

thy name.

CHAPTER 64

H that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at

thy presence!

3 When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at

thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, besides thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. 6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken

7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

8 But now, O LORD, thou art our Father: we are the clay, and thou our

potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

9 ¶ Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a

desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.

12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

CHAPTER 65

AM sought of them that asked not I for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.

2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good,

after their own thoughts:

3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick:

4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments; which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable

things is in their vessels:

5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose. a fire that burneth all the day.

6 Behold, it is written before me: I not be remembered, nor come into will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their

bosom,

7 Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sake. that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell

there.

10 And Shăr'on shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of A'chor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

11 ¶ But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain. that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that

number.

12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes. and did choose that wherein I delighted

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gop. Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

14 Behold, my servants shall sing for iov of heart, but we shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of

spirit.

15 And ve shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord Gop shall slav thee, and call his servants by

another name:

16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth: and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 Tor, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall

mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her.

nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vinevards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit: they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

their offspring with them.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 66

HUS saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ve build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my

word.

3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man: he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

5 C Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my

glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompense to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was

delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD:

shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ve that mourn for her:

11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river. and the glory of the Gen'tiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a blood; he that burneth incense, as if he whirlwind, to render his anger with blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen fury, and his rebuke with flames of

16 For by fire and by his sword will 4 I also will choose their delusions, and the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together. saith the LORD.

18 For I know their works and their name's sake, said. Let the LORD be thoughts: it shall come, that I will they shall come, and see my glory.

19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of priests and for Le'vites, saith the LORD. them unto the nations, to Tär'shish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tū'băl and Jā'văn, to the isles afar remain before me, saith the LORD, so off, that have not heard my fame, shall your seed and your name remain. neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gĕn'tileş.

brethren for an offering unto the LORD chariots, and in litters, and upon mules,

gather all nations and tongues; and offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

21 And I will also take of them for 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall

23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come 20 And they shall bring all your to worship before me, saith the LORD. 24 And they shall go forth, and look

out of all nations upon horses, and in upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm and upon swift beasts, to my holy shall not die, neither shall their fire be mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, quenched; and they shall be an abas the children of İş'rā-ĕl bring an horring unto all flesh.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

IEREMIAH

CHAPTER 1

THE words of Jeremian the Hil-ki'ah, of the priests that were HE words of Jeremiah the son of words in thy mouth. in An'a-thoth in the land of Benjamin: 2 To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of To-si'ah the son of A'mon king of Judah, in the thirteenth and to plant.

year of his reign.

11 ¶ Moreover the word of the Lord year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of Jē-hôr'akim the son of Jo-sī'ah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zĕd'ē-kī'āh the son of Jō-sī'āh king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 Then the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,

forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, north. and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I. Ah, Lord Goo! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

7 ¶ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatso- shall set every one his throne at the

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, 16 And I will utter my judgments

and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build,

came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of

an almond tree. 12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my

word to perform it.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I seest thou? And I said, I see a seething knew thee; and before thou camest pot; and the face thereof is toward the

14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they ever I command thee thou shalt speak. entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and 8 Be not afraid of their faces: for I am against all the walls thereof round about, with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. and against all the cities of Judah.

against them touching all their wicked- knew me not: the pastors also transness, who have forsaken me, and have gressed against me, and the prophets burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins. and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before

them. 18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defensed city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land. against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the

land. 19 And they shall fight against thee: but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to

deliver thee.

CHAPTER 2

TOREOVER the word of the Lord

L came to me, saying,

2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

3 Is'rā-ĕl was holiness unto the LORD. and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of

the house of Is'ra-ĕl:

5 C Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are be-

come vain?

6 Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine

heritage an abomination.

8 The priests said not, Where is the strange vine unto me? LORD? and they that handle the law

prophesied by Ba'al, and walked after things that do not profit.

9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your

children's children will I plead.

10 For pass over the isles of Chit'tim. and see; and send unto Ke'dar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.

11 Hath a nation changed their gods. which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which

doth not profit.

12 Be astonished. O ve heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ve very

desolate, saith the LORD.

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

14 I Is Is'rā-ĕl a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled?

15 The young lions roared upon him, and yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.

16 Also the children of Noph and Ta-hap'a-nes have broken the crown

of thy head.

17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the

18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Si'hôr? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?

19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord

GOD of hosts.

20 T For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. 21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine.

wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a

22 For though thou wash thee with

thine iniquity is marked before me, saith cause thou sayest, I have not sinned

the Lord GoD.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted. I have not gone after Bā'a-lim? See thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways

24 A wild ass used to the wilderness. that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure: in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they

shall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst; but thou saidst. There is no hope: no: for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Is'ra-ĕl ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth; for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy.

cities are thy gods, O Judah. 29 Wherefore will ve plead with me?

ye all have transgressed against me. saith the LORD.

30 In vain have I smitten your children: they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets,

like a destroying lion.

31 ¶ O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Is'rā-ĕl? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people. We are lords: we will come no more unto thee?

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments. or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the

wicked ones thy ways. 34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but

upon all these.

35 Yet thou savest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from

nitre, and take thee much soan, vet me. Behold, I will plead with thee he

36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him. and thine hands upon thine head; for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences. and thou shalt not prosper in them.

CHAPTER 3

THEY say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lain with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy

wickedness.

3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead. thou refusedst to be ashamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me. My father, thou art the guide of my

5 Will he reserve his anger for ever?

will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

6 The LORD said also unto me in the days of Jo-si'ah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Iş'rā-ĕl hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous

sister Judah saw it.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Is'ra-ĕl committed adultery, I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adul-

tery with stones and with stocks. 10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me the children of Iş'rā-ĕl: for they have with her whole heart, but feignedly, perverted their way, and they have forsaith the LORD.

11 And the LORD said unto me. The backsliding Is'ra-ĕl hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.

12 ¶ Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Is'ra-el, saith the LORD: and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. 13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to

Zion:

saith the LORD.

15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Terusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Is'rā-ĕl, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your

fathers.

19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn from the north, and a great destruction. away from me.

20 @ Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Is'ra-el, saith the LORD.

21 A voice was heard upon the high habitant. places, weeping and supplications of

gotten the LORD their God.

22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our God.

23 Truly in vain is salvation hobed for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Is'rā-ĕl.

24 For shame hath devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and

their daughters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

CHAPTER 4

F thou wilt return, O Is'rā-ĕl, saith I the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

2 And thou shalt swear. The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness: and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him

shall they glory.

3 I For thus saith the LORD to the men of Tudah and Terusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.

4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defensed cities.
6 Set up the standard toward Zion:

retire, stay not; for I will bring evil

7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gen'tiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an in-

8 For this gird you with sackcloth,

Desolation to come to the whole land

lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.

9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace: whereas the sword reacheth

unto the soul.

11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,

12 Even a full wind from those places shall come unto me: now also will I

give sentence against them.

13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe

unto us! for we are spoiled. 14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thy vain thoughts

lodge within thee? 15 For a voice declareth from Dan. and publisheth affliction from mount

E'ohrā-im.

16 Make ye mention to the nations: behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she thy life. hath been rebellious against me, saith

the LORD.

18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because

it reacheth unto thine heart.

19 ¶ My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me: I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my

curtains in a moment.

21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?

not known me; they are sottish children. and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens.

and they had no light.

24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, 10 Then said I, Ah, Lord Goo! surely they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were

26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger.

27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I

not make a full end.

28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it. I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

30 And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

CHAPTER 5

OUN ye to and fro through the streets R of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

2 And though they say, The LORD liveth; surely they swear falsely.

3 O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the 22 For my people is foolish, they have truth? thou hast stricken them, but they them, but they have refused to receive est what they say, correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused chre, they are all mighty men. to return.

4 Therefore I said. Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the

judgment of their God.

5 I will get me unto the great men. and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst with you. the bonds.

shall slay them, and a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.

7 Of How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots'

houses.

8 They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.

9 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 G Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take a rebellious heart; they are revolted and away her battlements; for they are not the Lord's.

house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.

12 They have belied the LORD, and said. It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus

shall it be done unto them.

14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you

have not grieved; thou hast consumed thou knowest not, neither understand-

16 Their quiver is as an open sepul-

17 And they shall eat up thine harvest and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities. wherein thou trustedst, with the sword. 18 Nevertheless in those days, saith

the LORD, I will not make a full end

19 And it shall come to pass, when 6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest ye shall say, Wherefore doeth the LORD hall slay them, and a wolf of the eve- our God all these things unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye watch over their cities: every one that have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ve serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Declare this in the house of Tacob.

and publish it in Judah, saying,

21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not: which have ears, and

hear not:

22 Fear ve not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can' they not pass over it?

23 But this people hath a revolting and

gone.

24 Neither say they in their heart, Let 11 For the house of Is'ra-el and the us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 ¶ Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have with-

holden good things from you.

26 For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

27 As a cage is full of birds, so are word, behold, I will make my words in their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

28 They are waxen fat, they shine: from far, O house of Iş'rā-ĕl, saith the yea, they overpass the deeds of the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an wicked: they judge not the cause, the ancient nation, a nation whose language cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 30 T A wonderful and horrible thing

is committed in the land:

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ve do in the end thereof?

CHAPTER 6

YE children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Te-kō'a, and set up a sign of fire in Běth'-hăc'cē-rěm: for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction. 2 I have likened the daughter of Zion

to a comely and delicate woman.

3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her: they shall pitch their tents against her round about: they shall feed every one in his place.

4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

us destroy her palaces.

6 I For thus hath the LORD of hosts said. Hew ve down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her.

7 As a fountain casteth out her waters. so she casteth out her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually is grief and wounds.

8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, a land not in- law, but rejected it. habited.

9 C Thus saith the LORD of hosts. They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Is'ra-ël as a vine: turn back offerings are not acceptable, nor your thine hand as a grape gatherer into the haskets.

10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: the sides of the earth.

abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with him that is full of days.

12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith

the LORD.

13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly. saying, Peace, peace; when there is no

peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ve in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your 5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let souls. But they said, We will not walk

therein.

17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying. Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

18 ¶ Therefore hear, ye nations, and know. O congregation, what is among

them.

19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my

20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from She'ba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt

sacrifices sweet unto me.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD. Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country. and a great nation shall be raised from

I will pour it out upon the children 23 They shall lay hold on bow and

spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea: and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a

woman in travail.

25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy

and fear is on every side.

26 C O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron: they are all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected

CHAPTER 7

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ue of Tudah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.

3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, Amend your ways and

dwell in this place.

4 Trust ve not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD. The temple of the LORD. are these.

5 For if ve thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his

neighbor;

them.

6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt;

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your the God of Is'ra-el; Put your burnt offer-

fathers, for ever and ever.

8

¶ Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will ve steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Ba'al, and walk after other gods whom ve know not:

10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say. We are delivered to do all these

abominations?

11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lorp.

12 But go ye now unto my place which was in Shi'loh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Is'rā-ĕl.

13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but we heard not: and I called you, but ve answered not:

14 Therefore will I do unto this house. which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done

to Shi'loh.

15 And I will cast you out of my sight. as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of E phrā-im.

16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

17 ¶ Seest thou not what they do in. the cities of Tudah and in the streets of

Terusalem?

18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the your doings, and I will cause you to queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not brovoke themselves to the confusion of their own

faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, ings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

22 For I spake not unto your fathers. nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt.

concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: 23 But this thing commanded I them. saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto vou.

24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not

forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day. I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them:

26 Yet they hearkened not unto me. nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their

fathers.

27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them: but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.

28 But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off thine hair. O Jerusalem. and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places: for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of

his wrath.

30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

31 And they have built the high places of To'phet, which is in the valley of the son of Hin'nom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire: which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

Therefore, behold, the days 32 ¶ come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called To'phet, nor The valley of the son of Hin'nom, but The valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in To'phet, till there be no place.

33 And the carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away.

34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bride. groom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

CHAPTER 8

T that time, saith the LORD, they A shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests. and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. out of their graves:

2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have wor-

shipped: they shall not be gathered, nor

be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth. 3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Moreover thou shalt say unto them. Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away.

and not return?

5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.

8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it: the pen of the

scribes is in vain.

9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?

10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

13 CI I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.

14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defensed cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.

15 We looked for peace, but no good came: and for a time of health, and be-

hold trouble!

16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones; for they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.
17 For, behold, I will send serpents,

cockatrices, among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you,

saith the LORD.

18 When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.

that dwell in a far country: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger beast are fled; they are gone. with their graven images, and with 11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, strange vanities?

20 The harvest is past, the summer is

ended, and we are not saved

21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt: I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.

there no physician there? why then is perisheth and is burned up like a wilnot the health of the daughter of my derness, that none passeth through? people recovered?

CHAPTER O

H that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain

of the daughter of my people!

2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.

3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they

know not me, saith the LORD.

4 Take ve heed every one of his neighbor, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanders.

5 And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out: it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but

in heart he laveth his wait.

9 W Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation. 19 Behold the voice of the cry of the because they are burned up, so that daughter of my people because of them none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle: both the fowl of the heavens and the

> and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Tudah desolate, without an

inhabitant.

12 II Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, 22 Is there no balm in Gil'e-ad? is that he may declare it, for what the land

13 And the LORD saith, Because they

have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein:

14 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Ba'alim, which their fathers taught them:

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el: Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ve. and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:

18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our evelids

gush out with waters.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion. How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her

neighbor lamentation.

21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not cunning men. the wise man glory in his wisdom. neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his

riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and right-eousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

25 T Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised:

the children of Ammon, and Mo'ab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Iş'rā-ĕl are uncircumcised in the heart.

CHAPTER 10

HEAR ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Īs'rā-ĕl:

2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen

are dismayed at them.

3 For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold: they fasten it with nails and with ham-

mers, that it move not.

5 They are upright as the palm tree. but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil. neither also is it in them to do good.

6 Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy

name is great in might.

7 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms. there is none like unto thee.

8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of

vanities.

9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tär'shish, and gold from U'phaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of

10 But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his

indignation.

11 Thus shall ve say unto them. The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the 26 Egypt, and Tudah, and E'dom, and heavens by his discretion.

13 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

14 Every man is brutish in his knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

15 They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation

they shall perish.

16 The portion of Jacob is not like them: for he is the former of all things: and Is'rā-ĕl is the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts is his name.

17 C Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.

18 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will distress them, that they may find it so.

19 Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous; but I said. Truly this is a

grief, and I must bear it.

20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

21 For the pastors are become brutish. and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their

flocks shall be scattered.

22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Tudah desolate, and a den of dragons.

23 ¶ O LORD, I know that the wav of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment: not in thine anger, lest thou

bring me to nothing.

that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

CHAPTER 11

HE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 Hear ye the words of this covenant,

and speak unto the men of Judah. and to the inhabitants of Terusalem;

3 And say thou unto them. Thus saith the LORD God of Is'ra-el; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant,

4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron fur-nace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will

be your God:

5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O LORD.

6 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this cove-

nant, and do them.

7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting,

saying, Obey my voice.

8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them

9 And the LORD said unto me. A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of

Jerusalem.

10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Iş'rā-ĕl and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, 25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen Behold, I will bring evil upon them, hat know thee not, and upon the fami-which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will

not hearken unto them.

12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

13 For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to that

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shameful thing, even alters to burn in-

cense unto Ba'al.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the trouble.

15 What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil,

then thou rejoicest.

16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches

of it are broken.

17 For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Is'ra-el and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Bā'āl. 18 ¶ And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it: then

thou showedst me their doings. 19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that

his name may be no more remembered. 20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them:

for unto thee have I revealed my cause. 21 Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of An'a-thoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophesy not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand:

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

23 And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of An'a-thoth, even the year of their visitation.

CHAPTER 12

RIGHTEOUS art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me: thou time that they cry unto me for their hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the

day of slaughter.

4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? the beasts are consumed, and the birds: because they said, He shall not see our

last end. 5 If thou hast run with the footmen. and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if

in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Tordan? 6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words

unto thee. 7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage; I have given the

dearly beloved of my soul into the hand

of her enemies. 8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest; it crieth out against me:

therefore have I hated it.

9 Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird, the birds round about are against her; come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.

10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant

portion a desolate wilderness. 11 They have made it desolate, and

being desolate it mourneth unto me: the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.

12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness: for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit; and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

14 I Thus saith the LORD against all

mine evil neighbors, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Iş'rā-ĕl to inherit; Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return and have compassion on them, and will hring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Ba'al; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.

17 But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that na-

tion, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 13

HUS saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy water.

2 So I got a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put it on my

loins.

3 And the word of the LORD came unto

me the second time, saving,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast got. which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to Eu-phra'tes, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went, and hid it by Eu-phra'tes,

as the LORD commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Eū-phrā'tēs, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there

7 Then I went to Eu-phra'tes, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,

9 Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and

the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Is'ra-el and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Is'rā-ēl, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee. Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou say unto them. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunken-

14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, them.

15 Thear ye, and give ear; be not

proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

16 Give glory to the LORD your God. before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

17 But if ve will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.

18 Say unto the king and to the queen. Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the

crown of your glory.

19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful

flock?

21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

22 C And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me?

For the greatness of thine iniquity are astonished, as a mighty man that canthy skirts discovered, and thy heels not save? yet thou, O LORD, art in the made bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin. or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind

of the wilderness.

25 This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may

appear.

27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee. O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?

CHAPTER 14

HE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Terusalem is

gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded, and covered those prophets be consumed. their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapped, for there was no rain in the earth, the plow-

heads.

5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field. and forsook it, because there was no

grass.

6 And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass.

7 ¶ O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

8 O the hope of Iş'rā-ĕl, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

midst of us, and we are called by the

name; leave us not.

10 ¶ Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

11 Then said the LORD unto me. Pray not for this people for their good.

12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13 I Then said I, Ah, Lord Gon! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ve have famine: but I will give you assured

peace in this place.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall

16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, because of the famine and men were ashamed, they covered their the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them.

17 ¶ Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast 9 Why shouldest thou be as a man thou smitten us. and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against

21 Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy cove-

nant with us.

22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gen'tiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? Art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

CHAPTER 15

HEN said the LORD unto me. Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of my

sight, and let them go forth.

2 And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD: Such as are for death, to death: and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.

3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the have suffered rebuke.

earth, to devour and destroy.

4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am of Ma-nas'seh the son of Hez'e-ki'ah king of Judah, for that which he did in hosts Terusalem.

5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Terusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou

doest?

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against as a liar, and as waters that fail? thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting.

7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of and if thou take forth the precious from children, I will destroy my people, since the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let they return not from their ways.

8 Their widows are increased to me thou unto them. above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the mother people a fenced brazen wall: and they

of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

9 She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was vet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 ¶ Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury; yet every one of them

doth curse me.

11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

12 Shall iron break the northern iron

and the steel?

13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

14 And I will make thee to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you.

15 ¶ O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long-suffering: know that for thy sake I

16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the called by thy name, O LORD God of

17 I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced: I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me

with indignation.

18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD. If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: them return unto thee; but return not

20 And I will make thee unto this

shall fight against thee, but they shall not our iniquity? or what is our sin that we prevail against thee: for I am with thee have committed against the LORD our to save thee and to deliver thee, saith God? the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAPTER 16

HE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife. neither shalt thou have sons nor daugh-

ters in this place.

3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them

in this land;

4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented: neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth; and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even loving-kindness

and mercies.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried. cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:

7 Neither shall men tear themselves for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to

drink.

God of Iş'rā-ĕl; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

10 4 And it shall come to pass, when self, and they are no gods? thou shalt show this people all these

The beoble to be cast out of the land

11 Then shalt thou say unto them. Because your fathers have forsaken me. saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have for-

saken me, and have not kept my law: 12 And ve have done worse than your fathers: for, behold, ve walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart. that they may not hearken unto me:

13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ve nor your fathers; and there shall ve serve other gods day and night; where I will not show you favor.

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Is'ra-el out

of the land of Egypt:

15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Iş'rā-ĕl from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them; and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 ¶ Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 For mine eyes are upon all their neither shall men lament for them, nor ways: they are not hid from my face. neither is their iniquity hid from mine

18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of afflic-9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the tion, the Gen'tiles shall come unto thee God of Is'rā-ĕl; Behold, I will cause to from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

20 Shall a man make gods unto him-

21 Therefore, behold, I will this once words, and they shall say unto thee, cause them to know, I will cause them to Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced know mine hand and my might; and they all this great evil against us? or what is shall know that my name is The LORD.

CHAPTER 17

HE sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

2 Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green

trees upon the high hills.

3 O my mountain in the field, I will · give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil, and thy high places for sin.

throughout all thy borders.

4 And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve not me be dismayed: bring upon them thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever. . 5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land

and not inhabited.

7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the Lorn is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green: and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from vielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who

can know it?

10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to

the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge sitteth on eags. and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

12 ¶ A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O LORD, the hope of Iş'rā-ĕl, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

15 @ Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come

now. 16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee; neither

have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art

my hope in the day of evil.

18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

19 Thus said the LORD unto me: Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem:

20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

21 Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates

of Jerusalem;

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor

receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein:

25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city

shall remain for ever.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house

of the LORD.

27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

CHAPTER 18

HE word which came to Jeremiah I from the LORD, saying,

2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to

hear my words.

3 Then I went down to the potter's wag his head. house, and, behold, he wrought a work

on the wheels.

4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. 5 Then the word of the LORD came to

me, saving,

6 O house of Is'rā-ĕl, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down,

and to destroy it;

8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit

them.

11 ¶ Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 And they said. There is no hope: them in the time of thine anger.

but we will walk after our own devices. and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ask ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things: the virgin of Iş'rā-ĕl

hath done a very horrible thing. 14 Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field? or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity. and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

16 To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that pass-eth thereby shall be astonished, and

17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the

day of their calamity.

18 I Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that con-

tend with me.

20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn away thy wrath from them.

21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death: let their young men be slain by

the sword in battle.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares

for my feet.

23 Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me: forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight, but let them be overthrown before thee; deal thus with

CHAPTER 19

HUS saith the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests;

2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hin'nom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the

words that I shall tell thee:

3 And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of is'ra-el; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.

4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood

of innocents;

5 They have built also the high places of Bā'al, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Ba'al, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither

came it into my mind:

6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called To'phet, nor The valley of the son of Hin'nom, but The valley

of slaughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel of Tudah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their carcasses will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

8 And I will make this city desolate. and a hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss, because of all the plagues thereof.

9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.

the sight of the men that go with thee,

I break this people and this city, as one to Babylon.

breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in To'phet, till there be no place to bury.

12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof.

and even make this city as To'phet:
13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of To'phet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tō'phĕt. whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house, and said to all the

people.

15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hardened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

CHAPTER 20

NOW Pash' ur the son of Im'mer the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. 2 Then Pash'ur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin,

which was by the house of the LORD. 3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pash'ur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him. The LORD hath not called thy name Pash'ur, but Ma'gor-mis'sa-bib.

4 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

5 Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labors thereof, and all the precious things 10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand 11 And shalt say unto them, Thus of their enemies, which shall spoil saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will them, and take them, and carry them dwell in thine house, shall go into cap- my days should be consumed with tivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, shame? and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends. to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

7 I O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil: because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto

me, and a derision, daily.

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and

I could not stay.

10 T For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not pre-vail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him

very glad. 16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide:

17 Because he slew me not from the womb: or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me.

CHAPTER 21

HE word which came unto Teremiah from the LORD, when king Zed'ekī'ah sent unto him Pash'ur the son of Měl-chỉ'ah, and Zĕph'a-ni'ah the son

of Ma'a-sē'iāh the priest, saying, 2 Inquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Něh'ū-chăd-rĕz'zar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works. that he may go up from us.

3 Then said Jeremiah unto them.

Thus shall ye say to Zěďě-kí'áh:

4 Thus saith the LORD God of Is'ra-el: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ve fight against the king of Babylon. and against the Chal-de'ans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury,

and in great wrath.
6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they

shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zěďe-kī'ah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Neb'ūchăd-rez'zar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword: he shall not spare them. neither have pity, nor have mercy.

8 4 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the

way of death.

9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chal-de'ans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prev.

10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the 18 Wherefore came I forth out of the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn his neighbor. Wherefore hath the LORD it with fire.

11 @ And touching the house of the king of Judah, say, Hear ye the word

of the LORD:

12 O house of David, thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

14 But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

CHAPTER 22

HUS saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Tudah.

and speak there this word.

2 And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:

3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless. nor the widow, neither shed innocent

blood in this place.

4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses. he, and his servants, and his people.

5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

6 For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah; Thou art Gil'ē-ăd unto me, and the head of Lebanon: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.

7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to that thou obeyedst not my voice.

done thus unto this great city?

9 Then they shall answer. Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep sore for him that goeth away: for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11 For thus saith the LORD touching Shal'lum the son of Jo-si'ah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josī'ah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:

12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall

see this land no more.

13 ¶ Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; 14 That saith, I will build me a wide

house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is ceiled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the

LORD.

17 But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Je-hôi'â kim the son of Je-si'ah king of Judah; They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah my brother! or. Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, saying, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond

the gates of Jerusalem.

20 C Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Ba'shan, and cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed.

21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth,

The remnant. The righteous Branch shall fear no more, nor be dismayed neither shall they be lacking, saith the

22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.

23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

24 As I live, saith the LORD, though Cō-nī'āh the son of Jē-hoî'ā-kim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;

25 And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Něb'ū-chădrez'zar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chal-de'ans.

26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and

there shall ye die.

27 But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not

return.

28 Is this man Cō-nī'āh a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?

29 O earth, earth, hear the word

of the LORD.

30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Tudah.

CHAPTER 23

WOE be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of

my pasture! saith the LORD.

of Iş'rā-ĕl against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

them which shall feed them: and they make them drink the water of gall: for

5 @ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Is'ra-el shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called. THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, behold, the days come. saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Is ra-el out of the land of Egypt;

8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Is'ra-el out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them: and they shall dwell in their own

9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake: I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome. because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers: for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not

right.

11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.

12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets 2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Sa-ma'rī-a; they prophesied in Ba'al, and caused my people Is'ra-el to err.

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sŏd'om, and the inhabitants thereof as Gö-mör'ràh.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold 4 And I will set up shepherds over I will feed them with wormwood, and

from the prophets of Terusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts. Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said. Ye every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall

come upon you.

18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his

word, and heard it?

19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon

the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them,

yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my counsel. and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD,

and not a God afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name. saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea. they are prophets of the deceit of their

own heart:

27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams, which they tell every man to his neighbor, as proach upon you, and a perpetual their fathers have forgotten my name

28 The prophet that hath a dream. let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbor.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues,

and say, He saith.

32 Behold, I am against them that shall have peace; and they say unto prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 ¶ And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith

the LORD.

34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the Lord, I will even punish that man and his house.

35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and.

What hath the LORD spoken?

36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more; for every man's word shall be his burden: for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet. What hath the LORD answered thee? and. What hath the LORD spoken?

38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word. The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:

40 And I will bring an everlasting reshame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAPTER 24

THE LORD showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zár king of Babylon had carried away captive Jec'o-ni'ah the son of Je-hol'a-kim king of Judah, and the spake unto all the people of Judah, and to princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket had very good figs, even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so

bad.

3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

4 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,
5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chăl-dē'ănș for their good.

6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant

them, and not pluck them up.

7 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

8 ¶ And as the evil figs, which cannot in the land of Egypt:

9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in

all places whither I shall drive them. 10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

CHAPTER 25

HE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Je-hol'a-kim the son of Jö-sī'ah king of Judah, that was the first year of Něb'ū-chắd-rěz'zár king of Babylon:

2 The which Jeremiah the prophet all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saving.

3 From the thirteenth year of Jo-si'ah the son of A'mon king of Judah, even unto this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking: but ye have not hearkened.

4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to

hear.

5 They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever: 6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your

hands; and I will do you no hurt. 7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me. saith the LORD; that we might provoke me to anger with the works of your

hands to your own hurt.

8 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: Because ye have not heard my

words.

9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zar the king of be eaten, they are so evil; surely muss saith the LORD, So will I give Zed'e-them against this land, and against all kr'ah the king of Judah, and his princes, inhabitants thereof, and against all the recidue of Ierusalem, that rethese nations round about, and will also recidue of Ierusalem, that rethese nations round about, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

10 Moreover I will take from them the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of

Babylon seventy years.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldē'anş, and will make it perpetual desolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all

against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the

works of their own hands.

15 @ For thus saith the LORD God of Ĭs'rā-ĕl unto me; Take the winecup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that

I will send among them.

17 Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

18 To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;

19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his

people;

20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Phi-lis'tines, and Ash'kē-lŏn, and Az'zāh, Ek'ron, and the remnant of Ashdod.

21 E'dom, and Mo'ab, and the chil-

dren of Ammon,

22 And all the kings of Tv'rus, and all the kings of Zi'don, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea,

23 Dē'dān, and Tē'ma, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost corners,

the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,

25 And all the kings of Zim'ri, and all the kings of E'lam, and all the kings of

the Medes.

26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Shē'shāch shall drink after them.

27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God because of his fierce anger. of Iş'rā-ĕl; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spew, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

take the cup at thine hand to drink, LORD, saying,

my words which I have pronounced then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Ye shall certainly drink.

29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations: he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

34 ¶ Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like

a pleasant vessel.

35 And the shepherds shall have no 24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all way to flee, nor the principal of the

flock to escape.

36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.

37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down because of the fierce anger of

the LORD.

38 He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and

CHAPTER 26

IN the beginning of the reign of Jē-hôi'á-kim the son of Jō-sī'áh 28 And it shall be, if they refuse to king of Judah came this word from the 2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

3 If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the

evil of their doings.

4 And thou shall say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you.

5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

6 Then will I make this house like Shi'löh, and will make this city a curse

to all the nations of the earth.

7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking

these words in the house of the LORD.

3 ¶ Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shi'loh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 ¶ When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house.

11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

12 ¶ Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

16 ¶ Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the

name of the LORD our God.

17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the as-

sembly of the people, saying,

18 Mi'câh the Mō-rās'thite prophesied in the days of Hēz'ē-ki'âh king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

19 Did Hëz'e-ki'ah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure

great evil against our souls.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, U-rijah the son of Shē-mā'jah of Kir-jāth-jē'a-rīm, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah:

21 And when Jē-hôi'ā-kim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when U-rī'jāh heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and

went into Egypt;

22 And Jē-hôi'á-kim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, El-nā'thān the son of Ash'bòr, and certain men with him into Egypt.

23 And they fetched forth U-ri'jāh out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jāhôi'ā-kim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.

24 Nevertheless, the hand of A-hi'kăm the son of Shā' phān was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

CHAPTER 27

IN the beginning of the reign of Te-hol'a-kim the son of To-si'ah king of Tudah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD to me; Make and his people, and live. thee bonds and vokes, and put them

upon thy neck.

3 And send them to the king of E'dom. and to the king of Mo'ab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Ty'rus, and to the king of Zi'don, by the hand of the messengers which come Tudah:

4 And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el: Thus shall

ye say unto your masters;

5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar the king of Babylon, my servant; and

also to serve him.

7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve

themselves of him.

8 And it shall come to pass, that the serve the same Něb'û-chăd-něz'zar the their neck under the yoke of the king at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. of Babylon, that nation will I punish, until I have consumed them by his hand.

9 Therefore hearken not ye to your that remain in this city, prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters,

of Babylon:

10 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and

should perish.

11 But the nations that bring their LORD, and in the house of the king of neck under the yoke of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem;
Babylon, and serve him, those will I let 22 They shall be carried to Babylon,

LORD: and they shall till it, and dwell

therein.

12 ¶ I spake also to Zĕd'ē-ki'āh king of Judah according to all these words, saying. Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him

13 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken against the nation that will not

serve the king of Babylon?

14 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto to Jerusalem unto Zěďě-kľáh king of you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you.

15 For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.

16 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying. Thus saith the LORD: Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be the beasts of the field have I given him brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto vou.

17 Hearken not unto them: serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore

should this city be laid waste?

18 But if they be prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the nation and kingdom which will not LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and king of Babylon, and that will not put in the house of the king of Judah, and

19 Tor thus saith the LORD of hosts saith the LORD, with the sword, and with concerning the pillars, and concerning the famine, and with the pestilence, the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels

20 Which Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar king of Babylon took not, when he carried nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto away captive Jec'ō-ni'ah the son of you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king Jē-hôi'a-kim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem;

21 Yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, that I should drive you out, and ye the God of Is'ra-el, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the

remain still in their own land, saith the and there shall they be until the day

to this place.

CHAPTER 28

AND it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zed'e-ki'ah king of Judah, in the fourth vear, and in the fifth month, that Han'anī'ah the son of A'zur the prophet, which was of Gib'e-on, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ēl, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Něb'ū-chădněz'zár king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon: 4 And I will bring again to this place Jěc'ō-nī'ah the son of Jē-hoî'a-kim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the voke of to trust in a lie. the king of Babylon.

5 I Then the prophet Jeremiah said presence of all the people that stood in

the house of the LORD,

6 Even the prophet Teremiah said. Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

7 Nevertheless, hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in

the ears of all the people:

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath

truly sent him.

10 Then Hăn'à-nī'āh the prophet chăd-nez'zar king of Babylon) saving, took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.

Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I Babylon;

that I visit them, saith the LORD; then break the yoke of Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár will I bring them up, and restore them king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went

his way.
12 C Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the prophet, after that Hăn'a-ni'ah the prophet had broken the voke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying

13 Go and tell Han'a-ni'ah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the vokes of wood; but thou shalt make

for them vokes of iron.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕl; I have put a voke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Něb'ū-chădnez'zar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

15 Then said the prophet Teremiah unto Han'a-ni'ah the prophet. Hear now, Han'à-ni'àh; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people

16 Therefore thus saith the Lorn: Behold, I will cast thee from off the unto the prophet Han'a-ni'ah in the face of the earth: this year thou shalt presence of the priests, and in the die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD.

17 So Hăn'à-nī'àh the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

CHAPTER 29

NOW these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon:

2 (After that Jec'o-ni'ah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, were departed

from Jerusalem;)

3 By the hand of El'a-sah the son of Shā'phan, and Gem'a-rī'ah the son of Hil-kī'āh, (whom Zĕd'ē-kī'āh king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Něb'ū-

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el, unto all that are carried 11 And Han'a-ni'ah spake in the away captives, whom I have caused to presence of all the people, saying, be carried away from Jerusalem unto and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of cannot be eaten, they are so evil

them:

not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye

have peace.

8 I For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-ël; Let not your LORD. prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

in my name: I have not sent them, saith

the LORD.

my good word toward you, in causing slay them before your eyes; you to return to this place.

give you an expected end.

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye roasted in the fire; shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me. when ve shall search for me with all

your heart.

the LORD: and I will turn away your saith the LORD. captivity, and I will gather you from 24 ¶ Thus sl all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into carried away captive.

captivity;

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and will make them like vile figs, that

18 And I will persecute them with the 6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and sword, with the famine, and with the daughters; and take wives for your sons, pestilence, and will deliver them to be and give your daughters to husbands, removed to all the kingdoms of the that they may bear sons and daughters; earth, to be a curse, and an astonishthat ye may be increased there, and ment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them:

> 19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the

20 ¶ Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the 9 For they prophesy falsely unto you God of Is'ra-el, of Ahab the son of Kō-lā'iàh, and of Zěd'ē-ki'ah the son of Mā'a-sē'jāh, which prophesy a lie unto 10 ¶ For thus saith the LORD, That you in my name; Behold, I will deliver after seventy years be accomplished at them into the hand of Něb'ū-chād-Babylon I will visit you, and perform rez'zar king of Babylon; and he shall

22 And of them shall be taken up a 11 For I know the thoughts that I curse by all the captivity of Judah think toward you, saith the LORD, which are in Babylon, saying, The thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to LORD make thee like Zed'e-ki ah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon

23 Because they have committed villainy in Iş'rā-ĕl, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded 14 And I will be found of you, saith them; even I know, and am a witness,

24 I Thus shalt thou also speak to Shē-mā'iah the Nē-hěl'a-mīte, saying, 25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el, saying, Because the place whence I caused you to be thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and 15 @ Because ye have said, The to Zeph'a-ni'ah the son of Mā'a-se'iah LORD hath raised us up prophets in the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD hath made thee priest 16 Know that thus saith the LORD of in the stead of Jē-hôi'à-da the priest, the king that sitteth upon the throne of that ye should be officers in the house David, and of all the people that dwell- of the LORD, for every man that is mad, eth in this city, and of your brethren and maketh himself a prophet, that that are not gone forth with you into thou shouldest put him in prison, and in the stocks.

27 Now therefore why hast thou not Behold. I will send upon them the reproved Jeremiah of An'a-thoth, which sword, the famine, and the pestilence, maketh himself a prophet to you?

28 For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying, This captivity is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

29 And Zeph'a-ni'ah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then came the word of the LORD

unto Teremiah, saving,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD concerning Shē-mā'jāh the Nē-hēl'a-mīte; Because that She-ma'iah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused

you to trust in a lie:

Behold, I will punish Shē-mā'iah the Ne-hel'a-mite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this bruise is incurable, and thy wound is people: neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; because he hath taught rebellion against the LORD.

CHAPTER 30

from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in

a book.

3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Is ra-el and Judah, saith the LORD; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 I And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Is'rā-ĕl and

concerning Tudah.

5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and

not of peace.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble: but he shall be saved remain after the manner thereof.

out of it.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

The Lord will restore Israel and Judah

9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Iş'rā-ĕl: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

11 For I am with thee, saith the LORD. to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee in measure, 32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Thy

grievous.

13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.

14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee: they seek thee not: for I have wounded THE word that came to Jeremiah thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

> 15 Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased. I have done these things

unto thee.

16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD: because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no

man seeketh after.

18 Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall

19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

aforetime, and their congregation shall thither. be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

will be your God.

23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon

the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall consider it.

CHAPTER 31

AT the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Iş'rā-ĕl, and they shall be my people. 2 Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Iş'rā-ĕl, when I went to cause him to rest.

3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.

4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Iş'rā-ĕl: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Sa-ma'rī-a: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as com-

mon things.

6 For there shall be a day, that the saith the LORD, that thy children shall watchmen upon the mount E'phrā-im come again to their own border. shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to

Zion unto the LORD our God. 7 For thus saith the LORD: Sing with

praise ve. and say, O LORD, save thy art the LORD my God. people, the remnant of Is'ra-el.

the coasts of the earth, and with them was ashamed, yea, even confounded, the blind and the lame, the woman with because I did bear the reproach of my child and her that travaileth with child youth.

20 Their children also shall be as together: a great company shall return

9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Iş'rā-ĕl, and E'phrā-im is my firstborn.

10 C Hear the word of the LORD, O ve nations, and declare it in the isles aith the LORD.

afar off, and say, He that scattered
22 And ye shall be my people, and I Is ra-el will gather him, and keep him,

as a shepherd doth his flock.

11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of

him that was stronger than he.

12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow not return, until he have done it, and together to the goodness of the LORD, until he have performed the intents of for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, his heart: in the latter days ye shall and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them

rejoice from their sorrow.

14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with mygoodness, saith the LORD.

15 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Rā'māh, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

16 Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope in thine end,

18 ¶ I have surely heard E'phrā-im bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a gladness for Jacob, and shout among bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn the chief of the nations: publish ye, thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou

19 Surely after that I was turned, I 8 Behold, I will bring them from the repented; and after that I was in-north country, and gather them from structed, I smote upon my thigh: I

20 Is E'ohrā-im my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him: I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

21 Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again. O virgin of Is'rā-ĕl.

turn again to these thy cities.

22 I How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man.

23 Thus, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕl, As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity; The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.

24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth

with flocks.

25 For I have satiated the weary soul. and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. 26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld:

and my sleep was sweet unto me. 27 I Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Iş'rā-el and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of

beast. 28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set

on edge.

30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the down any more for ever. sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 @ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Is'rā-ĕl, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that rez'zar. I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to bring besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the

my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Is'rā-ĕl: After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no

more.

35 C Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar: The LORD of hosts is his name:

36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Iş'rā-ĕl also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the LORD: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Is'ra-ël for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

38 @ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Ha-nan'e-el

unto the gate of the corner.

39 And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gā'rèb, and shall compass about to Gö'äth.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kid'ron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown

CHAPTER 32

HE word that came to Teremiah I from the LORD in the tenth year of Zed'e-ki'ah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Něb'ū-chăd-

2 For then the king of Babylon's army them out of the land of Egypt; which prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house.

shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost which is sealed, and this evidence which thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the is open; and put them in an earthen LORD, Behold, I will give this city into vessel, that they may continue many the hand of the king of Babylon, and he days. shall take it:

4 And Zěďē-kī'āh king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chăl-dē'ans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of behold his eyes:

5 And he shall lead Zed'e-ki'ah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chal-de'ans, ye shall not there is nothing too hard for thee: prosper?

the LORD came unto me, saying,

7 Behold, Hà-năm'ē-ĕl the son of Shăl'lum thine uncle shall come unto Sharium time uncer since when the sis is his name; in And which there is his name; in And which the the right of redemp- 19 Great in counsel, and mighty in

tion is thine to buy it.

according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in An'à-thoth, which is in the inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I at this day; knew that this was the word of the LORD.

9 And I bought the field of Ha-nam'eel my uncle's son, that was in An'athoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.

10 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and

that which was open:

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Ba'ruch the son of Nē-rī'ah, the son of Mā'a-sē'iah, in the them, sight of Hà-năm'ē-ĕl mine uncle's son, that subscribed the book of the purthe court of the prison.

them, saying,

14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ël: Take these evidences, 3 For Zĕd'ē-kī'ah king of Judah had this evidence of the purchase, both

> 15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el: Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again

in this land.

16 T Now when I had delivered the Babylon, and shall speak with him evidence of the purchase unto Bā'rŭeh mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall the son of Ne-ri'ah, I prayed unto the

LORD, saying, 17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and

18 Thou showest loving-kindness unto 6 4 And Jeremiah said, The word of thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: The Great. The Mighty God, The LORD of hosts,

work: for thine eyes are open upon all 8 So Hà-năm'ē-ĕl mine uncle's son the ways of the sons of men, to give came to me in the court of the prison every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this country of Benjamin: for the right of day, and in Iş'rā-el, and among other men; and hast made thee a name, as

21 And hast brought forth thy people Is'ra-ël out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror:

22 And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk

and honey;

23 And they came in, and possessed it: but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon

24 Behold the mounts, they are come and in the presence of the witnesses unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chal-de'ans chase, before all the Jews that sat in that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the 13 ¶ And I charged Ba'ruch before pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it.

God. Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hand of the Chal-de'ans.

26 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,
27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for

me?

28 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chal-de'ans, and into the hand of Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zar king of Babylon,

and he shall take it:

29 And the Chal-de'ans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Ba'al, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to they shall not depart from me. provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Is'ra-el and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Iş'rā-ĕl have only provoked me to anger with the work of their

hands, saith the LORD.

31 For this city hath been to me as a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day, that I should remove it

from before my face:

32 Because of all the evil of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets. and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them. yet they have not hearkened to receive

instruction.

34 But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name,

to defile it.

35 And they built the high places of Bā'āl, which are in the valley of the son of Hin'nom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Mo'lech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination. to cause Tudah to sin.

36 4 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Is'ra-el, concern-

25 And thou hast said unto me. O Lord delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

38 And they shall be my people, and

I will be their God:

39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that

41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and

with my whole soul.

42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. 43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chal-de'ans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money. and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 33

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it: the LORD is his name:

3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down ing this city, whereof ye say, It shall be by the mounts, and by the sword:

5 They come to fight with the Chal- which I have promised unto the house de'ans. but it is to fill them with the of Is'ra-el and to the house of Judah. dead bodies of men, whom I have slain all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will

peace and truth.

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Is'ra-el to return, and will build them, as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

9 ¶ And it shall be to me a name of, unto Jeremiah, saying, ov. a praise and an honor before all 20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity" season: that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ve say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of my ministers. Yudah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at first, saith the LORD.

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks

to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jeru- return, and have mercy on them. salem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD. THE word which came unto Jeremiah 14 Behold, the days come, saith the

15 In those days, and at that time. in mine anger and in my fury, and for will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Tudah be saved. reveal unto them the abundance of and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

17 C For thus saith the LORD: David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Is'ra-el;

18 Neither shall the priests the Le'vites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19 C And the word of the LORD came

break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their

21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Le'vites the priests.

22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Le'vites that minister unto me.

23 Moreover the word of the LORD

came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saving. The two families which the LORD hath chosen. he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

25 Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of

heaven and earth:

26 Then will I cast away the seed of Tacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to

CHAPTER 34

I from the LORD, when Něb'ū-chăd-LORD, that I will perform that good thing nez'zar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth of his against Jerusalem, and against all the

cities thereof, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl; Go and speak to Zĕd'ē-kī'ah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire:

3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD. O Zĕd'ē-kī'ah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by

the sword:

5 But thou shalt die in peace: and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn odors for thee; and they will lament thee, saying, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD. 6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zed'e-kī'ah king of

Judah in Jerusalem,

7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Terusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left. against La'chish, and against A-ze'kah: for these defensed cities remained of the cities of Judah.

8 I This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zěďě-ki'áh had made a covenant with all the people which were at Terusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them;

9 That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant. being a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free: that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother.

10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more; then they obeyed, and let them go.

11 But afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids. whom they had let go free, to return,

servants and for handmaids.

12 Of Therefore the word of the Lorn dominion, and all the people, fought came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them

forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the

house of bondmen, saying,

14 At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother a Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but vour fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and ve had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

. 16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed

between the parts thereof,

19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf:

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the

21 And Zĕd'ē-kī'āh king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of and brought them into subjection for the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

LORD, and cause them to return to this city: and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire; and I will unto Jeremiah, saving, make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

CHAPTER 35

HE word which came unto Teremiah from the LORD, in the days of Jehôi'à-kim the son of Jō-si'àh king of

Judah, saying, 2 Go unto the house of the Rech'abites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jā-az'a-nī'ah the son of Teremiah, the son of Hab'a-zi-nī'ah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rech'ab-ites;

4 And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Ha'nan, the son of Ig'da-li'ah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Mā'a-sē'iah the son of Shal'lum, the keeper of the door:

5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rech'ab-ites pots full of wine, and cups; and I said unto them, Drink ye

wine. 6 But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jon'a-dab the son of Re'chab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever:

7 Neither shall ve build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ve be strangers.

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Ton'à-dab the son of Re'chab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters;

9 Nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor

10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Ton'a-dab our father commanded us.

11 But it came to pass, when Něb'ūchăd-rez'zar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, army of the Chal-de'ans, and for fear of

22 Behold, I will command, saith the the army of the Syrians: so we dwell at Terusalem.

12 Then came the word of the LORD

13 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the

God of Is'ra-el; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Will ve not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.

14 The words of Jon'a-dab the son of Rē'chāb, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.

15 I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto

16 Because the sons of Jon'a-dab the son of Re'chab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me:

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

18 ¶ And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rech'ab-ites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jon'a-dab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you;

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Îş'rā-ĕl; Jŏn'a-dăb the son of Re'chab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

CHAPTER 36

ND it came to pass in the fourth year 🕰 of Jē-hôi'à-kim the son of Jō-sī'àh king of Judah, that this word came unto 2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Iş'rā-ĕl, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Jo-si'ah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive

their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Ne-ri'ah; and Ba'ruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Ba'ruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into

the house of the LORD:

6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

7 It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this

people.

8 And Ba'ruch the son of Ne-ri'ah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the

LORD's house.

9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Je-hoi'a-kim the son of Jo-si'ah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

10 Then read Barruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gem'a-ri'ah the son of Sha'phan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all

the people.

11 T When Mī-chā'jah the son of Gem'a-ri'ah, the son of Sha'phan, had heard out of the book all the words of

the LORD,

12 Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, even E-lish'a-mā the scribe, and Dē-lā'jah the son words.

of Shē-mā'jah, and El-nā'than the son of Ach'bor, and Gem'a-rī'ah the son of Shā'phan, and Zĕd'ē-kī'ah the son of Hăn'à-nī'àh, and all the princes.

13 Then Mi-chā'iah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Ba'ruch read the book in the ears of

the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Tē-hū'dī the son of Něth'à-nī'ah, the son of Shěl'ē-mī'ah, the son of Cū'shī, unto Bā'ruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Ba'ruch the son of Ne-ri'ah took the roll in his hand. and came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Ba'ruch

read it in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch. We will surely tell the king of all these words.

17 And they asked Ba'ruch, saying Tell us now, How didst thou write all

these words at his mouth?

18 Then Bā'ruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.

19 Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and

let no man know where ye be.

20 ¶ And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of E-lish'a-ma the scribe. and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king sent Je-hū'dī to fetch the roll; and he took it out of E-lish'a-mä the scribe's chamber. And Je-hū'dī read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the

22 Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass, that when Jē-hū'dī had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast if into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these

25 Nevertheless El-na'than and Delā'iāh and Gĕm'ā-rī'āh had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll; but he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Je-rah' mē-ĕl the son of Ham'mē-lech, and Sē-rā'jah the son of Az'rī-ĕl, and Shĕl'ēmī'ah the son of Ab'dē-ĕl, to take Bā' ruch the scribe and Teremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Ba' ruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah,

saying,

28 Take thee again another roll, and unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying. write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Te-hor'a-kim the

king of Tudah hath burned.

29 And thou shalt say to Te-hoi'a-kim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast?

Jē-hôi'à-kim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the

night to the frost.

31 And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Ne-ri'ah: who wrote therein from the mouth of Teremiah all the words of the book which Je-hoi'a-kim king of Judah

words.

CHAPTER 37

ND king Zĕd'ē-kī'āh the son of Jō-A si'ah reigned instead of Cō-ni'ah king in the land of Judah.

2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the princes. the people of the land, did hearken unto

by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zěďě-ki'áh the king sent Jēhū'cāl the son of Shěl'ē-mī'ah and Zeph'a-nī'ah the son of Mā'a-se'jah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put

him into prison.

5 Then Phā'raōh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chalde'ans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

6 C Then came the word of the LORD

7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Is'rā-ĕl: Thus shall ve say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me: Behold, Phā'raōh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 And the Chal-de'ans shall come again, and fight against this city, and

take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not 30 Therefore thus saith the Lord of yourselves, saying, The Chal-de'ans [e-hôi'a-kim king of Judah; He shall shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chăl-de'ănş that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 ¶ And it came to pass, that when the army of the Chal-de any was broken up from Terusalem for fear of Pha-

raōh's army.

12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the

midst of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of had burned in the fire; and there were Benjamin, a captain of the ward was added besides unto them many like there whose name was I-rijah, the son of Shel'e-mī'ah, the son of Han'a-nī'ah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chalde'ans.

14 Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I the son of Je-hol'a-kim, whom Neb'u- fall not away to the Chal-de'ans. But chăd-rez'zar king of Babylon made he hearkened not to him: so I-rijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to

15 Wherefore the princes were wroth the words of the LORD, which he spake with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan.

16 When Teremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many

days;

17 Then Zed'e-ki'ah the king sent, and took him out; and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said. There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zěďě-ki'áh. What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me

in prison?

19 Where are now your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you,

nor against this land?

20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee: house of Ionathan the scribe, lest I die for there is no more bread in the city. there.

21 Then Zĕd'ē-kī'āh the king commanded that they should commit Teremiah into the court of the prison, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Teremiah remained in the court of the prison.

CHAPTER 38

HEN Sheph'à-ti'ah the son of Mattăn, and Ged'a-li'ah the son of Pash'ur, and Iu'cal the son of Shel'emī'āh, and Pāsh'ūr the son of Māl-chī'āh, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chăl-de'ănș shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

3 Thus saith the LORD, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it. nothing from me.

4 Therefore the princes said unto the 15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zed'e-king, We beseech thee, let this man be ki'ah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou put to death: for thus he weakeneth the not surely put me to death? and if I give hands of the men of war that remain in thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken this city, and the hands of all the people, unto me?

the scribe; for they had made that the in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this 5 Then Zěďě-kī'áh the king said, Be-

people, but the hurt.

hold, he is in your hand: for the king is not he that can do any thing against you. 6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Mal-chi'ah the son of Ham'me-lech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Teremiah sunk in the mire.

7 ¶ Now when E'běd-mē'lěch the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;

8 E'bed-me'lech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king. saying,

9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to that thou cause me not to return to the die for hunger in the place where he is:

10 Then the king commanded E'bědmē'lěch the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and

dungeon, before he die.
11 So E'běd-më'lěch took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 And E'běd-mē'lěch the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jere-

miah did so.

13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the

court of the prison.

14 ¶ Then Zĕd'ē-kī'āh the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the LORD: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide

cretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, that made us this soul. I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men

that seek thy life.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zĕd'ēkī'ah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire: and thou shalt live, and thine house:

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chăl-de'ăns, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of

their hand.

19 And Zĕd'ē-kī'āh the king said unto Teremiah. I am afraid of the Tews that are fallen to the Chal-de'ans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and

thy soul shall live.

21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD hath showed

me:

22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say. Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back.

23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chal-de'ans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 Then said Zěďě-kí ah unto Jeremiah. Let no man know of these words,

and thou shalt not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:

26 Then thou shalt say unto them, I

16 So Zĕd'ē-kī'āh the king sware se- presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.

27 Then came all the princes unto Teremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.

28 So Teremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Terusalem was taken: and he was there when

Jerusalem was taken.

CHAPTER 39

IN the ninth year of Zĕd'ē-ki'āh king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 And in the eleventh year of Zed'ekī'ah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was bro-

ken up.

3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nēr'gäl-shà-rē'zēr, Săm'gär-nē'bō, Sär'sē-chīm, Răb'-sá-rīs, Nēr'gäl-shá-rē'zēr, Răb'-măg, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came to pass, that when Zĕd'ē-ki'ah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls; and he went

out the way of the plain.

5 But the Chal-de ans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zed e-ki ah in the plains of Jer'i-cho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zàr king of Babylon to Rib'lah in the land of Ha'math, where he gave judgment upon him.

6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zed'e-kī'ah in Rib'lah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all

the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover he put out Zĕd'ē-kī'áh's eyes, and bound him with chains, to

carry him to Babylon.

8 T And the Chal-de'ans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Terusalem.

9 Then Něb' ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of

the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

10 But Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at

the same time.

11 ¶ Now Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zár king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard, saying,

12 Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even

as he shall say unto thee.

13 So Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard sent, and Něb'ū-shās'băn, Răb'-sa-ris, and Ner'gal-sha-re'zer, Rab'-mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes:

14 Even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Ged'a-li'ah the son of A-hī'kām the son of Shā'phān, that he should carry him home; so he dwelt among the people.

15 ¶ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in

the court of the prison, saying,

16 Go and speak to E'bed-me'lech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished in that day before

17 But I will deliver thee in that day. saith the LORD; and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom

thou art afraid.

18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee; because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 40

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Něb'ūzär-ā'dān the captain of the guard had let him go from Ra'mah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

Jeremiah, set free, dwelleth in Mizbah

Jeremiah, and said unto him, The Lorn thy God hath pronounced this evil upon

this place.

3 Now the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: because ve have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land is before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

5 Now while he was not yet gone back. he said, Go back also to Ged'a-li'ah the son of A-hi'kam the son of Sha'phan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.

6 Then went Jeremiah unto Ged'àlī'āh the son of A-hī'kām to Mīz'pāh: and dwelt with him among the people

that were left in the land.

7 ¶ Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Ged'a-li'ah the son of A-hī'kām governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon;

8 Then they came to Ged'a-li'ah to Miz'päh, even Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Něth'à-nī'àh, and Jō-hā'năn and Jonathan the sons of Ka-re'ah, and Se-ra'iah the son of Tăn-hū'mēth, and the sons of E'phai the Nē-tŏph'a-thīte, and Jēz'ani'ah the son of a Mā-ach'a-thite, they and their men.

9 And Ged'a-li'ah the son of A-hi'kam the son of Shā'phan sware unto them and to their men, saying. Fear not to serve the Chal-de'ans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mīz'pāh, to serve the Chal-dē'ans, 2 And the captain of the guard took which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and Miz'päh, and the Chăl-de'ans that were put them in your vessels, and dwell in found there, and the men of war.

your cities that ye have taken.

11 Likewise when all the Jews that were in Mo'ab, and among the Ammonites, and in E'dom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah. and that he had set over them Ged'alī'ah the son of A-hī'kam the son of Shā'phăn;

12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Ged'ali'ah, unto Miz'päh, and gathered wine

and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreover Jō-ha'nan the son of unto them. Come to Gĕd'à-li'ah the son Ka-re'ah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to

Gěďá-lí ah to Miz päh,

14 And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Ba'a-lis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Neth'a-ni'ah to slay thee? But Ged'anot

15 Then Jo-ha'nan the son of Karē'ah spake to Gĕd'a-li'ah in Mīz'päh secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slav Ish'ma-el the son of Něth'à-nī'àh, and no man shall know it: wherefore should he slay thee, that all

said unto Jō-hā'năn the son of Kàrē'ah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ish'mā-ĕl.

CHAPTER 41

TOW it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Něth'a-ni'ah the son of E-lish'a-mä, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gĕd'a-li'ah the son of A-hi'kam to together in Miz'päh.

Něth'à-nī'àh, and the ten men that were nī'àh had done, with him, and smote Ged'a-li'ah the son of A-hī'kām the son of Shā'phān with went to fight with Ish'mā-ĕl the son of the sword, and slew him, whom the king Něth'à-nī'àh, and found him by the of Babylon had made governor over the great waters that are in Gib'e-on.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Ged'a-li'ah, and no man knew it.

5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shi'loh, and from Sa-ma! ri-à, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD.

6 And Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Něth'ànī'ah went forth from Miz'pah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said

of A-hi'kam.

7 And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ish'ma-el the son of Něth'a-ni'ah slew them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that were with him.

8 But ten men were found among them li'ah the son of A-hi'kam believed them that said unto Ish'ma-el, Slay us not: for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbare, and slew them

not among their brethren.

9 Now the pit wherein Ish'mā-ĕl had cast all the dead bodies of the men. whom he had slain because of Ged'athe Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in made for fear of Bā'ā-shā king of Iş' Judah perish? 16 But Ged'a-li'ah the son of A-hi'kam ni'ah filled it with them that were slain.

10 Then Ish'mā-ĕl carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Miz'päh, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mĭz'päh, whom Něb'ū-zär-ā'dān the captain of the guard had committed to Ged'a-li'ah the son of A-hi'kam; and Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Něth'à-nī'àh carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11 ¶ But when Jō-hā'năn the son of Miz'päh; and there they did eat bread Ka-re'ah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all 2 Then arose Ish'mā-ĕl the son of the evil that Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Něth'à-

12 Then they took all the men, and

13 Now it came to pass, that when all 3 Ish'mā-ĕl also slew all the Jews that the people which were with Ish'mā-ĕl were with him, even with Ged'a-li'ah, at saw Jo-ha'nan the son of Ka-re'ah, and with him, then they were glad. 14 So all the people that Ish'mā-ĕl had

carried away captive from Miz'pah cast voice of the LORD our God. about and returned, and went unto Johā'năn the son of Ka-rē'ah.

15 But Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Něth'ánī'āh escaped from Jō-hā'nān with eight

men, and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then took Jō-hā'nan the son of Ka-rē'ah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ish'mā-ĕl the son of Něth'á-nī'áh, from Miz'päh, after that he had slain Gěd'á-li'áh the son of A-hi'kăm, even mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gib'ē-on:

17 And they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chim'ham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go to enter into Egypt,

18 Because of the Chal-de'ans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmā-ĕl the son of Něth'à-nī'àh had slain Gěďá-li'áh the son of A-hî'kăm, whom the king of Babylon made governor in that he may have mercy upon you, and the land.

CHAPTER 42

THEN all the captains of the forces, and Jō-hā'năn the son of Kà-rē'àh, and Jez'a-ni'ah the son of Hō-shā'iah. and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, even for all this remnant; (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

3 That the LORD thy God may show us the way wherein we may walk, and the

thing that we may do.

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them. I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according follow close after you there in Egypt; to your words; and it shall come to pass. that whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare it unto you: I will keep nothing back from you.

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

all the captains of the forces that were evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the

> 7 M And it came to pass after ten days. that the word of the LORD came unto

Teremiah.

8 Then called he Jō-hā'năn the son of Ka-re'ah, and all the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication

before him:

10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down: and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon. of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his

hand.

12 And I will show mercies unto you. cause you to return to your own land.

13 ¶ But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of

the LORD your God,

14 Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

15 And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah: Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;

16 Then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall

and there ye shall die.

17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to soourn there; they shall die by the sword. by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕI; As mine anger and my 6 Whether it be good, or whether it be fury hath been poured forth upon the in-

habitants of Terusalem: so shall my fury and Teremiah the prophet, and Ba'riich be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ve shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ve shall see this place no more.

19 The LORD hath said concerning vou. O ve remnant of Tudah: Go ve not into Egypt: know certainly that I have

admonished you this day.

20 For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.

21 And now I have this day declared it to you: but we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any thing for the which he hath sent me unto you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine. and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.

CHAPTER 43

ND it came to pass. that when Tere-A miah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, even all these words,

2 Then spake Az'a-ri'ah the son of Hō-shā'iah, and Jō-hā'nan the son of Kà-re'ah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:

3 But Baruch the son of Ne-ri'ah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chal-de'ans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

4 So Tō-hā'năn the son of Kà-rē'ah. and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Tudah.

5 But To-hā'năn the son of Kà-rē'ah. and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of Tudah:

6 Even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Neb'ū-zar-ā'dan the captain of your fathers. the guard had left with Ged'a-li'ah the

the son of Ne-ri'ah.

7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they even to Tah'

oăn-hēs.

8 Then came the word of the LORD unto Teremiah in Täh'pan-hes, saving, 9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln. which is at the entry of Pha'raoh's house in Täh'pan-hes, in the sight of the men-

of Tudah:

10 And say unto them. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el; Behold, I will send and take Něb'ū-chădrez'zar the king of Babylon, my servant. and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, and deliver such as are for death to death; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as

are for the sword to the sword.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.

13 He shall break also the images of Běth'-shē'měsh, that is in the land of Egypt: and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

CHAPTER 44

HE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Mig'dol, and at Tah'pan-hes, and at Noph, and in the country of Path'ros, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Terusalem. and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein;

3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor

4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my son of A-hi'kam the son of Sha'phan, servants the prophets, rising early and abominable thing that I hate.

their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

6 Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.

7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl; Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;

8 In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among

all the nations of the earth?

9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your

fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and

to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Tudah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and 22 So that the LORD could no longer they shall all be consumed, and fall in bear, because of the evil of your doings, consumed by the sword and by the by the famine: and they shall be an exe- this day. cration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

13 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in

and by the pestilence:

14 So that none of the remnant of as at this day. Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or the people, and to all the women. Hear

sending them, saying, Oh, do not this remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a 5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

15 I Then all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Păth'ros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

17 But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by

the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

20 Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given

him that answer, saying,

21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came it not into his mind?

22 So that the LORD could no longer the land of Egypt; they shall even be and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your famine: they shall die, from the least land a desolation, and an astonishment, even unto the greatest, by the sword and and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at

23 Because ye have burned incense. and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you,

Judah, which are gone into the land of 24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all

the word of the LORD, all Judah that are the LORD hath added grief to my sorin the land of Egypt:

25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying; Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord God

liveth.

27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

28 Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs.

29 And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

30 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Phā'raōh-hŏph'ra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zĕd'ē-kī'ah king of Judah into the hand of Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

CHAPTER 45

THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Ba'ruch the son of Nē-ri'āh, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Teremiah, in the fourth year of Je-hôi'a-kim that handle and bend the bow. the son of Jo-si'ah king of Judah, saying,

Iş'rā-ĕl, unto thee, O Bā'rŭch;

row; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 Thus shalt thou say unto him. The LORD saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up,

even this whole land.

5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

CHAPTER 46

HE word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the

Gen'tiles:

2 Against Egypt, against the army of Phā'raōh-nē'chō king of Egypt, which was by the river Eū-phrā'tēş in Car' chē-mish, which Neb'ū-chad-rez'zar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Je-hoi'a-kim the son of Jo-si'ah king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and

draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, and put on the brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed and turned away back? and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: for fear was round about, saith the LORD.

6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river

Eū-phrā'tēs. 7 Who is this that cometh up as a

flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and his waters are moved like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, and will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth; the Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lydians,

10 For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may 2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be sa-3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for tiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts hath a sacrifice founded; she shall be delivered into the in the north country by the river Euphrā'tēs.

11 Go up into Gil'ē-ăd, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines: for thou

shalt not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, and they are fallen both together.

13 The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Mig dol, and publish in Noph and in Täh'păn-hēş: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

15 Why are thy valiant men swept away? they stood not, because the LORD

did drive them.

16 He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

17 They did cry there. Phā'raōh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath passed the

time appointed.

18 As I live, saith the King, whose name is The LORD of hosts. Surely as Tā'bor is among the mountains, and as Cär'měl by the sea, so shall he come.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but destruction cometh; it cometh out of the

north.

21 Also her hired men are in the midst of her like fatted bullocks; for they also are turned back, and are fled away together: they did not stand, because the back to their children for feebleness of day of their calamity was come upon them, and the time of their visitation.

22 The voice thereof shall go like a serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as

hewers of wood.

23 They shall cut down her forest, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and are innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be con-

hand of the people of the north.

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Iş'rā-ĕl, saith; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Phā'raōh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings: even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him:

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Něb'ū-chăd-rez'zar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the

LORD.

27 T But fear not thou, O my servant Tacob, and be not dismayed. O Is'ra-el: for, behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant. saith the LORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure: vet will I not leave thee

wholly unpunished.

CHAPTER 47

HE word of the LORD that came to I Teremiah the prophet against the Phi-lis'tines, before that Pha'raoh smote Gā'zā.

2 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look

hands:

4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Phi-lis'tines, and to cut off from Ty'rus and Zi'don every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Phi-lis'tines, the remnant of the country of Caph'tor.

5 Baldness is come upon Gā'zà; Ashkē-lön is cut off with the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself?

6 O thou sword of the LORD, how long

will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

7 How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ash'këlon, and against the seashore? there hath he appointed it.

CHAPTER 48

AGAINST Mō'āb thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'rā-ĕi; Woe unto Ne'bo! for it is spoiled: Kir'i-atha'im is confounded and taken: Misgăb is confounded and dismaved.

2 There shall be no more praise of Mo'ab: in Hesh'bon they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen: the sword shall pursue thee.

3 A voice of crying shall be from Hor'onā'im, spoiling and great destruction. 4 Mo'ab is destroyed: her little ones

have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For in the going up of Lu'hith continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Hor o-na'im the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the

heath in the wilderness.

7 II For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken; and Che'mosh shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes together.

8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.

9 Give wings unto Mo'ab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

11 C Mō'āb hath been at ease from his vouth, and he hath settled on his lees. and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and

break their bottles.

Chē'mosh, as the house of Iş'rā-ĕl was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence. 14 T How say ye. We are mighty and

strong men for the war?

15 Mô'āb is spoiled, and gone up out of her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is The LORD of hosts.

16 The calamity of Mô'ab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod!

18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Di'bon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Mo'ab

shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strongholds.

19 O inhabitant of A-ro'er, stand by the way, and espy: ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is

done? 20 Mô'ăb is confounded; for it is broken down: how! and cry; tell ye it in

Ar'non, that Mo'ab is spoiled,

21 And judgment is come upon the plain country; upon Hô'lon, and upon Jà-hã'zàh, and upon Měph'à-ăth,

22 And upon Di'bon, and upon Ne'bo.

and upon Beth'-dib'la-tha'im.

23 And upon Kir'i-a-tha'im, and upon Běth'-gā'mul, and upon Běth'-mē'on, 24 And upon Ke'ri-oth, and upon Boz-

rah, and upon all the cities of the land of Mö'ab, far or near.

25 The horn of Mo'ab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

26 Make ye him drunken; for he magnified himself against the LORD: Mo'ab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

27 For was not İş'rā-ĕl a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skip-

pedst for joy.

28 O ve that dwell in Mô'ab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

29 We have heard the pride of Mo'ab, (he is exceeding proud,) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the

haughtiness of his heart.

30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD; but it shall not be so; his lies shall not so effect it.

13 And Mo'ab shall be ashamed of 31 Therefore will I howl for Mo'ab, and

shall mourn for the men of Kir'-he'res.

32 O vine of Sib'mah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Ja'zer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Ja'zer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.

33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Mo'ab: and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no

shouting.

34 From the cry of Hesh'bon even unto El'ē-ā'lēh, and even unto Tā'hāz, have they uttered their voice, from Zo'ar even unto Hor'o-na'im, as a heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nim'rim shall be desolate.

35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Mo'ab, saith the LORD, him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth

incense to his gods.

36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Mô'ab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir'-hē'res: because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.

37 For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped; upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins

sackcloth.

38 There shall be lamentation generally upon all the housetops of Mo'ab, and in the streets thereof: for I have no pleasure, saith the LORD.

39 They shall howl, saying, How is it broken down! how hath Mo'ab turned the back with shame! so shall Mo'ab be a derision and a dismaying to all them

about him.

40 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his

wings over Mô'ăb.

41 Ke'ri-oth is taken, and the strongholds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in Mô'ab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42 And Mö'ab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magni-

fied himself against the LORD.

43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare. shall be upon thee, O inhabitant of Mō'āb, saith the LORD.

I will cry out for all Mo'ab; mine heart fall into the pit; and he that getteth un out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, even upon Mō'āb, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Hesh'bon because of the force: but a fire shall come forth out of Hesh'bon, and a flame from the midst of Si'hon, and shall devour the corner of

tumultuous ones.

Mō'āb, and the crown of the head of the 46 Woe be unto thee, O Mo'ab! the people of Che'mosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 (T Yet will I bring again the cantivity of Mo'ab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of

Mō'āb.

CHAPTER 49

ONCERNING the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Is'rā-ĕl no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth their king inherit Gad, and his people

dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rab'bah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Is'ra-el be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

3 Howl, O Hësh'bon, for A'i is spoiled: and in the streets thereof; for I have broken Mo'ab like a vessel wherein is cry, ye daughters of Rab'bah, gird you no pleasure, saith the LORD. with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges; for their king shall go into captivity, and his priests and his

princes together.

4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord Gop of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ve shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon,

saith the LORD.

7 Concerning E'dom, thus saith the LORD of hosts; Is wisdom no more in Te'man? is counsel perished from the 44 He that fleeth from the fear shall prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

inhabitants of De'dan; for I will bring before me? the calamity of E'sau upon him, the time that I will visit him.

9 If grape gatherers come to thee. would they not leave some gleaning grapes? if thieves by night, they will

destroy till they have enough.

10 But I have made E'sau bare. I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbors, and he is not.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy

widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished. but thou shalt surely drink of it.

13 For I have sworn by myself, saith desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be taken her, as a woman in travail.

perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard a rumor from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, Gather ve together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despised

among men.

16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

17 Also E'dom shall be a desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the

plagues thereof.

18 As in the overthrow of Sod'om and Gō-mŏr'rah and the neighbor cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man

dwell in it.

19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me?

8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O who is that shepherd that will stand

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against E'dom: and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Te'man: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall; at the cry the noise thereof

was heard in the Red sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Boz'rah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of E'dom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Concerning Damascus, Ha'math is confounded, and Ar'pad; for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted; there is sorrow on the sea; it

cannot be quiet.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and the LORD, that Boz'rah shall become a turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have

25 How is the city of praise not left, the

city of my joy!

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the

palaces of Ben'-ha'dad.

28 ¶ Concerning Kē'dar, and concerning the kingdoms of Ha'zor, which Něb'ü-chăd-rěz'zar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to Ke'dar, and spoil the men of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear is on every side.

30 ¶ Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hā'zor, saith the LORD; for Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zár king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against

31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone.

32 And their camels shall be a booty. and who will appoint me the time? and and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

33 And Hā'zor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor any

son of man dwell in it.

34 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against É'lám in the beginning of the reign of Zěd'ē-ki'áh king of Judah, saving.

ki'ah king of Judah, saying, 35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will break the bow of E'lam.

the chief of their might.

36 And upon E'lam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of E'lam shall not come.

37 For I will cause E'lām to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have con-

sumed them:

38 And I will set my throne in E'lam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

39 ¶ But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of E'lam, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 50

THE word that the LORD spake against Babylon and against the land of the Chal-de'ans by Jeremiah the

prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Mê-rô'dāch is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4 ¶ In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Is'rā-či shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lorn in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten

their resting place.

7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chal-de'ans, and be as the he goats

before the flocks.

9 ¶ For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of a mighty expert man; none shall return in vain.

10 And Chăl-dē'à shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith

the LORD.

11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry

land, and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of the Lord it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand; her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance of the LORD; take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the

ing sword they shall turn every one to temple. his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 ¶ Ĭş'rā-ĕl is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zar king of

Babylon hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-ël; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of

Assyria. 19 And I will bring Is'ra-el again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Car'mel and Bā'shan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount E'phra-im and

Gĭl'ē-ăd.

20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Iş'rā-ĕl shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

21 Go up against the land of Měr'àtha'im, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pe'kod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have com-

manded thee.

22 A sound of battle is in the land, and the inhabitants of Babylon.

of great destruction.

23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations!

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken. O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.

25 The LORD hath opened his armory, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord God of hosts in the land of the Chal-de'ans.

26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

27 Slav all her bullocks: let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to

time of harvest: for fear of the oppress- LORD our God, the vengeance of his

29 Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Is'ra-ĕl.

30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the

31 Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord Gon of hosts: for thy day is come, the time

that I will visit thee.

32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

33 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The children of Iş'rā-ĕl and the children of Judah were oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 Their Redeemer is strong; The LORD of hosts is his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet

35 ¶ A sword is upon the Chal-de'ans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes,

and upon her wise men.

36 A sword is upon the liars; and they shall dote: a sword is upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

38 A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad

upon their idols.

39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 As God overthrew Sŏd'om and declare in Zion the vengeance of the Go-mor'rah and the neighbor cities

thereof, saith the LORD: so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts

of the earth.

42 They shall hold the bow and the lance: they are cruel, and will not show mercy: their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: anguish took hold of him, and

pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her? for who is like me? and who will appoint me the time? and who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

45 Therefore hear ve the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chal-de'ans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER 51

HUS saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind:

2 And will send unto Babylon fanners. that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall

be against her round about.

3 Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chal-de'ans, and they that are thrust through in her streets.

nor Tudah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Is'ra-el.

6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance: he will render unto her a recompense.

7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are

mad.

8 Bahvion is suddenly fallen and destroved: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country: for her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.

10 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our

11 Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it: because it is the vengeance of the LORD. the vengeance of his temple.

12 Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.

13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy cov-

etousness.

14 The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillars; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.

15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

16 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens: and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth

the wind out of his treasures.

17 Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by 5 For Is ra-el hath not been forsaken, the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them

18 They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall

perish.

19 The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name.

20 Thou art my battle-axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I

destroy kingdoms:

21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and

his rider:

22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young

man and the maid:

23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his voke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chal-de'a all their evil that they have done in Zion in

your sight, saith the LORD.

25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee. and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations: but thou shalt be desolate for

ever, saith the LORD.

27 Set ye up a standard in the land. blow the trumpet among the nations prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ar'a-rat, Min'ni, and Ash'che-naz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars.

28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof. and all the land of his dominion.

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed: they became as women: they have burned her dwelling places; her bars are broken.

31 One post shall run to meet another. and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city

is taken at one end.

32 And that the passages are stopped. and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted. 33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts. the God of Is'rā-ĕi: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zár the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my

delicates, he hath cast me out.

35 The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood uponthe inhabitants of Chal-de'a, shall Terusalem sav.

36 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for dragons, an astonishment, and a hissing, without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions:

they shall yell as lions, whelps.

39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken. that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he

41 How is She'shach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth sur-prised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!

42 The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the

waves thereof.

43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry shall be performed against Babylon, to land, and a wilderness, a land wherein make the land of Babylon a desolation no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby.

44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 My people, go ve out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

46 And lest your heart faint, and ve fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land; a rumor shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumor, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain

shall fall in the midst of her.

48 Then the heaven and the earth. and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.

49 As Babylon hath caused the slain of Is'ra-el to fall, so at Babylon shall

fall the slain of all the earth.

50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still; remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.

51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; shame hath covered our faces; for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD's

house.

52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images: and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

53 Though Babylon should mount u to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.

54 A sound of a cry cometh from Babylon, and great destruction from the

land of the Chal-de'ans:

55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice; when her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:

56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their the king of Babylon.

bows is broken: for the LORD God of 4 C And it came to recompenses shall surely requite.

57 And I will make drunk her princes. and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is The LORD of hosts.

58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labor in vain, and the folk in the fire.

and they shall be weary.

59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Se-ra'jah the son of Ne-rī'ah, the son of Mā'a-se'iah, when he went with Zed'e-ki'ah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And this Se-ra'iah was a quiet prince.

60 So Teremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon. even all these words that are written

against Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah said to Sē-rā'iah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see, and shalt read all these words;

62 Then shalt thou say, O LORD, thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever.

63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it

into the midst of Eu-phra'tes:

64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Teremiah.

CHAPTER 52

ZED'E-KI'AH was one and twenty Ly years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Ha-mū'tăi the daughter of Jeremiah of Lib'nah.

2 And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all

that Te-hoi'a-kim had done.

3 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah. till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zěďě-kľáh rebelled against

4 4 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zar king of Babylon men. came, he and all his army, against built forts against it round about.

eleventh year of king Zĕd'ē-ki'ah.

6 And in the fourth month, in the ninth to Babylon. day of the month, the famine was sore

for the people of the land.

7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden: (now the Chalde'ans were by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain.

8 ¶ But the army of the Chal-de'ans took the captain of the guard away. pursued after the king, and overtook Zĕd'ē-kī'āh in the plains of Jĕr'i-chō; and all his army was scattered from him. 9 Then they took the king, and carried house of the LORD: the brass of him up unto the king of Babylon to these vessels was without weight. Rìb'lah in the land of Ha'math: where

he gave judgment upon him.

sons of Zěďě-ki'áh before his eyes: he it; and the thickness thereof was four slew also all the princes of Judah in fingers: it was hollow. Rib'lah.

11 Then he put out the eves of Zed'ehim in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day

of his death.

12 \ Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Něb'ū-chăd-rez'zar king of Babylon, came Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn, captain of the guard, which served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem,

13 And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire:

14 And all the army of the Chal-de'ans. that were with the captain of the guard.

round about.

15 Then Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the multitude.

16 But Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of

in the tenth day of the month, that land for vinedressers and for husband-

17 Also the pillars of brass that were Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that was in the 5 So the city was besieged unto the house of the LORD, the Chal-de'ans brake, and carried all the brass of them

18 The caldrons also, and the shovels, in the city, so that there was no bread and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they

19 And the basins, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups: that which was of gold in gold. and that which was of silver in silver,

20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brazen bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: the brass of all

21 And concerning the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits; 10 And the king of Babylon slew the and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass

22 And a chapiter of brass was upon it; and the height of one chapiter was kī'āh; and the king of Babylon bound five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like unto these.

23 And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; and all the pomegranates upon the network were

a hundred round about.

24 ¶ And the captain of the guard took Se-ra'iah the chief priest, and Zeph'a-ni'ah the second priest, and the

three keepers of the door:

25 He took also out of the city a eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them brake down all the walls of Jerusalem that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered of the guard carried away captive certain the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city.

26 So Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of king of Babylon, and the rest of the the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Rib'lah.

27 And the king of Babylon smote the guard left certain of the poor of the them, and put them to death in Rib'lah own land.

28 This is the people whom Něb'ūchăd-rez'zar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews

and three and twenty:

29 In the eighteenth year of Něb'ūchăd-rez'zar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty

and two persons:

30 In the three and twentieth year of Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zár, Něb'ū-zär-ā'dăn the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

in the land of Ha'math. Thus Judah and thirtieth year of the captivity of was carried away captive out of his Je-hôi'a-chin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that E'vil-me-ro'dach king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Je-hoi'a-chin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

32 And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon.

33 And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before

him all the days of his life.

34 And for his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the 31 ¶ And it came to pass in the seven day of his death, all the days of his life.

THE

LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH

CHAPTER 1

HOW doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.

4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate; her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in

bitterness.

5 Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

6 And from the daughter of Zion all vile. her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength

before the pursuer.

7 Terusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.

8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed: all that honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth.

and turneth backward.

9 Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.

10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: for she hath seen that the heathen entered into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command that they should not enter

into thy congregation.

11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; they have given their pleasant things for meat to relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become

12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD

hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce

anger.

13 From above bath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back; he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, and come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall, the Lord hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.

15 The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of

Judah, as in a winepress.

16 For these things I weep; mine eye. mine eve runneth down with water. because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her: the LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, that his adversaries should be round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

18 The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

20 Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled; mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh: there is none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done it: thou wilt bring the day that thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.

22 Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

CHAPTER 2

TOW hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Is'ra-el. and remembered not his footstool in the

day of his anger!

2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; he hath brought them down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the princes thereof.

3 He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Is'ra-ĕl: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about. 4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy:

he stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like

fire.

5 The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Is'rā-ĕl, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strongholds, and hath increased in the daughter of Judah

mourning and lamentation. 6 And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden; he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest. 7 The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces: they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.

8 The Lord hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.

9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars: her king and her princes are among the Gen'tiles: the law is no more; her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.

10 The elders of the daughter of Zion

The Lord's word fulfilled upon Zion

sit upon the ground, and keep silence: they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings swoon in the

streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into

their mothers' bosom.

13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?

14 Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of

banishment.

15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed her up: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have

seen it.

17 The LORD hath done that which he had devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old; he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied; and he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

18 Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of

thine eye cease.

19 Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

20 T Behold, O Lord, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast killed, and not pitied.

22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the day of the LORD's anger none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy

consumed.

CHAPTER 3

I AM the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.

3 Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day.

day.

4 My flesh and my skin hath he made old: he hath broken my bones.

5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail.

6 He hath set me in dark places, as they that be dead of old.

7 He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.

8 Also when I cry and shout, he shut-

teth out my prayer.

9 He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone; he hath made my paths crooked. 10 He was unto me as a bear lying in

wait, and as a lion in secret places.

11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me

desolate.

12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. 13 He hath caused the arrows of his

quiver to enter into my reins.

14 I was a derision to all my people;

and their song all the day.

15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood.

16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes.

17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgat prosperity.

18 And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD:

19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. 20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

21 This I recall to my mind, therefore

have I hope.

22 If is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great

is thy faithfulness.

24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh

26 It is good that a man should both

hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

27 It is good for a man that he bear the

yoke in his youth. 28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.

29 He putteth his mouth in the dust:

if so be there may be hope.

30 He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

he have compassion according to the not. multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly, nor

grieve the children of men. 34 To crush under his feet all the

prisoners of the earth.

35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,

36 To subvert a man in his cause, the

Lord approveth not.

37 Q Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth

38 Out of the mouth of the Most High proceedeth not evil and good?

39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his

40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

41 Let us lift up our heart with our unto them. hands unto God in the heavens.

rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.

43 Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that our prayer should not pass

through.

45 Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the

people. 46 All our enemies have opened their

mouths against us.

47 Fear and a snare is come upon us. desolation and destruction.

48 Mine eve runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the

daughter of my people.

49 Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission, 50 Till the LORD look down, and behold

from heaven.

51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart, because of all the daughters of my city.

52 Mine enemies chased me sore, like

a bird, without cause.

53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me. 54 Waters flowed over mine head;

then I said, I am cut off.

55 ¶ I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.

56 Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

57 Thou drewest near in the day that 32 But though he cause grief, yet will I called upon thee: thou saidst. Fear

> 58 O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.

59 O Lord, thou hast seen my wrong:

judge thou my cause. 60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their imaginations against me.

61 Thou hast heard their reproach. O LORD. and all their imaginations against

62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.

63 Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their music.

64 W Render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.

65 Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse

66 Persecute and destroy them in 42 We have transgressed and have anger from under the heavens of the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

TOW is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the

hands of the potter!

3 Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills. 6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater

than the punishment of the sin of Sŏd'òm, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her. 7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow,

they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire:

8 Their visage is blacker than a coal: they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

9 They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the

daughter of my people.

11 The LORD bath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the labor, and have no rest. enemy should have entered into the gates of Terusalem.

13 ¶ For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst and we have borne their iniquities.

in the streets, they have polluted them- hand.

The bunishment of Zion accomblished selves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.

15 They cried unto them, Depart ve: it is unclean; depart, depart, touch not: when they fled away and wandered. they said among the heathen. They shall no more sojourn there.

16 The anger of the LORD hath divided them: he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests.

they favored not the elders.

17 As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.

18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled: for our end is come.

19 Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

21 C Rejoice and be glad. O daughter of E'dom, that dwellest in the land of Uz: the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into cap-tivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of E'dom: he will discover thy

sins.

CHAPTER 5

REMEMBER, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows. 4 We have drunken our water for

money: our wood is sold unto us. 5 Our necks are under persecution: we

6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, and are not:

8 Servants have ruled over us: there is 14 They have wandered as blind men none that doth deliver us out of their

9 We gat our bread with the beril of our lives, because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our skin was black like an oven, be- things our eyes are dim.

cause of the terrible famine.

11 They ravished the women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

hand: the faces of elders were not honored.

13 They took the young men to grind. and the children fell under the wood.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their music. 15 The joy of our heart is ceased: our dance is turned into mourning.

16 The crown is fallen from our head:

woe unto us, that we have sinned! 17 For this our heart is faint: for these

18 Because of the mountain of Zion,

which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it. 19 Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever; 12 Princes are hanged up by their thy throne from generation to generation.

20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, and forsake us so long time?

21 Turn thou us unto thee. O LORD. and we shall be turned; renew our days as of old.

22 But thou hast utterly rejected us: thou art very wroth against us.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

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CHAPTER 1

NOW it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Che'bar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Je-hoi'a-chin's

captivity,

3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto E-ze'ki-el the priest, the son of Bû'zī, in the land of the Chaldē'ans by the river Chē'bar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

4 M And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had

the likeness of a man.

6 And every one had four faces, and lightning. every one had four wings.

the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the color of burnished brass.

under their wings on their four sides; faces.

and they four had their faces and their wings.

9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went: they went every one straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another.

and two covered their bodies.

12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went: and they turned not when

they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth

14 And the living creatures ran and 7 And their feet were straight feet: and returned as the appearance of a flash of

lightning.

15 ¶ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth 8 And they had the hands of a man by the living creatures, with his four

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the color of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not

when they went.

18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.

19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the feet, that I heard him that spake unto earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living

creature was in the wheels.

21 When those went, these went; and very day. when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

upon the heads of the living creature a rebellious house,) yet shall know that was as the color of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

23 And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise they will forbear: for they are most of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 And I saw as the color of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

CHAPTER 2

ND he said unto me, Son of man A stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Is'ra-el, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this

4 For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them: and thou shalt say unto them. Thus

saith the Lord GoD.

5 And they, whether they will hear, or 22 And the likeness of the firmament whether they will forbear, (for they are there hath been a prophet among them.

6 ¶ And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words. though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether

rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee: Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

9 C And when I looked, behold, a hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a

book was therein:

10 And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations. and mourning, and woe.

CHAPTER 3

MOREOVER he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Îs'ră-ĕl.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

4 I And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Is'rā-ĕl, and speak with my words unto them.

5 For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language.

but to the house of Iş'rā-ĕl;

6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.
7 But the house of Iş'rā-ĕl will not

hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me; for all the house of Is'rā-ĕl are impudent and hard-hearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

10 Moreover he said unto me. Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and

hear with thine ears.

11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GoD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rush-

LORD from his place.

13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the be dumb, and shalt not be to them a

LORD was strong upon me.

15 I Then I came to them of the captivity at Těl'-ā'bīb, that dwelt by the river of Che'bar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass at the end of rebellious house.

seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Is ra-el: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked. Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned: also thou hast

delivered thy soul.

22 C And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me. Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Che'bar: and I fell on my face.

24 Then the spirit entered into me, and ing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself

within thine house.

25 But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:

26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt

reprover: for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GoD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a

CHAPTER 4

HOU also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it the city, even Terusalem:

2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it: set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.

3 Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Is'ra-el.

4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Is'ra-el upon it: according to the number of the

shalt bear their iniquity.

5 For I have laid upon thee the years of iniquity. their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Is'ra-el.

6 And when thou hast accomplished of Judah forty days: I have appointed hair.

thee each day for a year.

shalt prophesy against it.

8 And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from sword after them. one side to another, till thou hast ended

the days of thy siege.

9 ¶ Take thou also unto thee wheat, vessel, and make thee bread thereof. according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side; three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.

10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.

11 Thou shalt drink also water by time to time shalt thou drink.

12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes. and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.

the children of Iş'rā-ĕl eat their defiled have kept my judgments, neither have

bread among the Gen'tiles, whither I

will drive them.

14 Then said I, Ah Lord Gon! behold my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

15 Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread there-

with.

16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Terusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment:

17 That they may want bread and days that thou shalt lie upon it thou water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their

CHAPTER 5

ND thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine them, lie again on thy right side, and head and upon thy beard: then take thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house thee balances to weigh, and divide the

2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part 7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face in the midst of the city, when the days toward the siege of Jerusalem, and of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou take a third part, and smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a

> 3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.

4 Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn and barley, and beans, and lentils, and them into the midst of the fire, and burn millet, and fitches, and put them in one them in the fire; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Is'ra-el.

5 Thus saith the Lord God; This is Terusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.

6 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have measure, the sixth part of a hin; from refused my judgments and my statutes. they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD: Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and 13 And the Lord said, Even thus shall have not walked in my statutes, neither done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you:

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.

9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all

thine abominations.

10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.

11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord God; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee;

neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

12 4 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal, when I have ac-

complished my fury in them.

14 Moreover I will make thee waste. and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all

that pass by.

15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it.

evil arrows of famine, which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send famine upon you, and will break your

staff of bread:

17 So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.

CHAPTER 6

ND the word of the LORD came unto . me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Iş'rā-ĕl, and prophesy

against them,
3 And say, Ye mountains of Is'rā-ĕI, hear the word of the Lord Gon; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 And your alters shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before

your idols.

5 And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl before their idols; and I will scatter your bones

round about your altars.

6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the

LORD.

8 I Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

10 And they shall know that I am the 16 When I shall send upon them the LORD, and that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 Thus saith the Lord GoD; Smite to destroy you: and I will increase the with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Is'ra-el! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them. 13 Then shall ye know that I am the for them. LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the

tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet sayor to all their idols.

14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Dib'lath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 7

FOREOVER the word of the LORD IVI came unto me, saying,

2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God unto the land of Is'ra-el: An end, the end is come upon the four cor-

ners of the land.

3 Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the

only evil, behold, is come.

6 An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come. 7 The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and

not the sounding again of the mountains. 8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense

thee for all thine abominations. 9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ve shall know that I am the LORD that

smiteth.

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.

11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them shall remain,

12 The time is come, the day draweth

near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath is upon all the

multitude thereof.

13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, which shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the mul-

titude thereof.

15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword: and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16 @ But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his

iniquity. 17 All hands shall be feeble, and all

knees shall be weak as water.

18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces. and baldness upon all their heads.

19 They shall cast their silver in the 5 Thus saith the Lord God; An evil, an streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.

> 20 ¶ As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations and of their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them.

> 21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they

shall pollute it.

22 My face will I turn also from them. and they shall pollute my secret place: for the robbers shall enter into it, and

23 Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of

violence.

24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of nor of their multitude, nor of any of the heathen, and they shall possess

their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled.

25 Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that

I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord Gop fell there upon me.

the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the color

of amber.

3 And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of mine head: and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north: where was the seat of to jealousy.

4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Iş'rā-ĕl was there, according to the

vision that I saw in the plain.

5 Then said he unto me. Son of man. lift up thine eyes now the way toward

of jealousy in the entry.

of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of the branch to their nose. Is'rā-ĕl committeth here, that I should greater abominations.

7 I And he brought me to the door of hear them.

the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.

9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they

do here.

10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Is'ra-el, portrayed upon

the wall round about.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Is'ra-el, and in the midst of them stood Jā-az'a-nī'ah the son of Sha'phan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Is'ra-el do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

13 I He said also unto me, Turn thee 2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as yet again, and thou shalt see greater

abominations that they do.

14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tam'muz

15 I Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this. O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater aborni-

nations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, the image of jealousy, which provoketh, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD. and their faces toward the east: and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the seen this, O son of man? Is it a light way toward the north, and behold north- thing to the house of Judah that they ward at the gate of the altar this image commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the 6 He said furthermore unto me. Son land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger; and, lo, they put

18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: go far off from my sanctuary? but turn mine eye shall not spare, neither will I thee yet again, and thou shalt see have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not

CHAPTER 9

HE cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroy-

ing weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Is'rā-ēl was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's ink-

horn by his side;

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

5 ¶ And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare,

neither have ye pity:

6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and

slew in the city.

8 M And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord Gopl wilt thou destroy all the residue of Iş'rā-ĕl in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Iş'rā-ĕl and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with as they went.

Visions of the slaughter, of the cherubim linen, which had the inkhorn by his side,

reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

CHAPTER 10

THEN I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.

3 Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.

5 And the sound of the cherubim's wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when

he speaketh.

6 And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

7 And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.

8 ¶ And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under

their wings.

9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubin, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the color of a beryl stone.

10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had.

13 As for the wheels, it was cried unto

them in my hearing, O wheel.

14 And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubim were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by

the river of Che'bar.

16 And when the cherubim went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.

17 When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the

living creature was in them.

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and

stood over the cherubim.

19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Is'ra-el was over them above.

20 This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Is'ra-el by the river of Che'bar; and I knew that they were

the cherubim.

21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under

their wings.

22 And the likeness of their faces was the same faces which I saw by the river of Che'bar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

CHAPTER 11

OREOVER the spirit lifted me up. and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate Pěl'à-tī'àh the son of Bē-nā'iàh, princes of the people.

2 Then said he unto me. Son of man, these are the men that devise mischief. and give wicked counsel in this city:

3 Which say, It is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we

be the flesh.

4 I Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man

5 And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Is'ra-el: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets

thereof with the slain.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD: Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

8 Ye have feared the sword: and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord

GOD.

9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.

10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Iş'rā-ĕl; and ve shall know that I am the LORD.

11 This city shall not be your caldron. neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; but I will judge you in the border of Iş'rā-ĕl:

12 And ye shall know that I am the LORD: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.

13 ¶ And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pěľá-ti'áh the son of Bē-nā'iāh died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Iş'rā-ĕl?

14 Again the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,

15 Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Iş'rā-ĕl wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Terusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD:

unto us is this land given in possession.

16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord five and twenty men; among whom I saw 16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jā-āz'a-ni'ah the son of A'zur, and God; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet the countries where they shall come.

17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Gon; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Iş'rā-ĕl.

18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations

thereof from thence.

19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh:

20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will

be their God.

21 But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God.

22 ¶ Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Iş'rā-ĕl was

over them above.

23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

24 ¶ Afterward the spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chal-de'a, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen I will bring him to Babylon to the land of went up from me.

25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had

showed me.

CHAPTER 12

HE word of the LORD also came

unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.

3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider. though they be a rebellious house.

by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in

will I be to them as a little sanctuary in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity.

5 Dig thou through the wall in their

sight, and carry out thereby.

6 In their sight shalt thou bear if upon thy shoulders, and carry it forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Is'ra-el

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and I bare it upon my shoulder in their sight. 8 Of And in the morning came the word

of the LORD unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, hath not the house of Is'rā-ĕl, the rebellious house, said unto

thee, What doest thou?
10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord GoD: This burden concerneth the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Is'rā-ĕl that are among them.

11 Say, I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall remove and go into captivity.

12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes.

13 My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and the Chal-de'ans; yet shall he not see it,

though he shall die there.

14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them.

15 And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the

countries.

16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

17 I Moreover the word of the LORD

came to me, saying,

hough they be a rebellious house.

18 Son of man, eat thy bread with 4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness;

19 And say unto the people of the land.

Thus saith the Lord Gop of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Is'rā-ĕl; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ve shall know that I am the LORD.

21 I And the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,

22 Son of man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Iş'ra-el, saying. The days are prolonged, and every

vision faileth?

23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Is'rā-ĕl; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

24 For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within

the house of Iş'rā-ĕl.

25 For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God.

26 T Again the word of the LORD came

to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Iş'rā-ĕl say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off.

28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord Gon.

CHAPTER 13

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Is'ra-el that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts. Hear ye the word of the LORD:

3 Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

4 O Iş'rā-ĕl, thy prophets are like the

foxes in the deserts.

5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Is'ra-el to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they

would confirm the word.

7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith it: albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against

you, saith the Lord GOD.

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Is'ra-el, neither shall they enter into the land of Is'rā-ĕl; and ve shall know that I am the Lord Gop.

10 T Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with un-

tempered mortar:

11 Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD: I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.

14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered morfar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more,

neither they that daubed it:

16 To wit, the prophets of Iş'rā-ĕl which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord prophet; I the LORD will answer him GOD.

17 ¶ Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own

heart; and prophesy thou against them, 18 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you?

19 And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?

20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fiv.

21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ve shall know that I am the LORD.

22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life;

23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ve shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 14

HEN came certain of the elders of Iş'rā-ĕl unto me, and sat before me. 2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Gon; Every man of the house of Iş'rā-ĕl that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall

that cometh, according to the multitude of his idols;

5 That I may take the house of Is'ra-el in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols. 6 C Therefore say unto the house of

Is'ra-el, Thus saith the Lord GoD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all

your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Is'ra-ël. or of the stranger that sojourneth in Iş'rā-ĕl, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart. and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me: I the LORD will answer him by myself:

8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know

that I am the LORD.

9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Is'rā-ĕl.

10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment

of him that seeketh unto him;

11 That the house of Is'ra-ĕl may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord Gop.

12 The word of the LORD came again

to me, saying,

13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it. and will cut off man and beast from it: 14 Though these three men. Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their

righteousness, saith the Lord Gop. 15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass

through because of the beasts: 16 Though these three men were in it. deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 I Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:

18 Though these three men were in it. as I live, saith the Lord Gop, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

19 ¶ Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter: they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord Gop; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?

22 4 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth. both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the thou wast in thy blood, Live. Lord Gop.

CHAPTER 15

me, saying,

2 Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any work?

5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for any work, when the 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD; and I covered thee with silk.

As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them.

8 And I will make the land desolate. because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 16

AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations.

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God unto Jerusalem; Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Ca'naan; thy father was an Am'o-rite, and thy mother a Hit'tite.

4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the loathing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

6 M And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when

7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to AND the word of the LORD came unto excellent ornaments: thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou wast naked and bare.

8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord Gop, and thou becamest mine.

9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I ancinted thee with oil.

10 I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, fire hath devoured it, and it is burned? and I girded thee about with fine linen,

11 I decked thee also with ornaments. and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.

12 And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beau-

tiful crown upon thine head.

and silver: and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and broidered work: thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.

14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was had put upon thee, saith the Lord GoD.

15 C But thou didst trust in thine own fornications on every one that passed harlot with them, and yet couldest not be by: his it was.

16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colors, and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not

come, neither shall it be so.

17 Thou hast also taken thy fair iewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them.

18 And tookest thy broidered garments. and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.

19 My meat also which I gave thee. fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savor; and thus it was,

saith the Lord Gon.

20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter, 21 That thou hast slain my children.

and delivered them to cause them to

pass through the fire for them?

22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.

23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith

the Lord God,)

24 That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee a high place in every street.

25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

26 Thou hast also committed fornica-13 Thus wast thou decked with gold tion with the Egyptians thy neighbors. great of flesh; and hast increased the whoredoms, to provoke me to anger,

27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Phiperfect through my comeliness, which I lis'tines, which are ashamed of thy lewd

28 Thou hast played the whore also beauty, and playedst the harlot because with the Assyrians, because thou wast of thy renown, and pouredst out thy unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the

satisfied.

29 Thou hast moreover multiplied the fornication in the land of Carnaan unto Chăl-dē'a; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whor-

ish woman:

31 In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as a harlot, in that thou scornest hire;

32 But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers in-

stead of her husband!

33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the

word of the LORD:

36 Thus saith the Lord God; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them;

37 Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken

pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy thy daughters. nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And I will judge thee, as women

fury and jealousy.

39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through

with their swords.

41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

42 So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will

be no more angry.

43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these things; behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord Gon: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

44 W Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, As is the mother, so is her

daughter.
45 Thou arf thy mother's daughter. that loatheth her husband and her children; and thou art the sister of thy sisters, which loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was a Hittite, and your father an Am'o-rite.

46 And thine elder sister is Sa-ma'ri-a. she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sod'om

and her daughters.

47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as if that were a very little thing, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

48 As I live, saith the Lord Gop, Sod! om thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sŏd'om, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her that break wedlock and shed blood are and in her daughters, neither did she judged; and I will give thee blood in strengthen the hand of the poor and

needv.

50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

51 Neither hath Sa-ma'ri-a committed half of thy sins: but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sod'om and her daughters, and the captivity of Sa-mari-a and her daughters, then will I bring again the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them:

54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a

comfort unto them.

55 When thy sisters, Sŏd'om and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Sa-ma'ri-a and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.

56 For thy sister Sod'om was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy

pride,

57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of thu reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all that are round about her, the daughters of the Phi-lis'tines, which despise thee round about.

58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.

59 For thus saith the Lord God; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 ¶ Nevertheless, I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of

The riddle of two eagles and a vine

thy youth, and I will establish unto thee prosper? shall it not utterly wither, an everlasting covenant.

61 Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant.

62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I

am the LORD:

63 That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GoD.

CHAPTER 17

ND the word of the LORD came unto A me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of

Is'ra-ĕl:

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GoD; A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colors, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants.

5 He took also of the seed of the land. and planted it in a fruitful field; he placed it by great waters, and set it as

a willow tree.

6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine. and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

There was also another great eagle these things, he shall not escape. with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

8 It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit,

that it might be a goodly vine.

9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord Gon: Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck LORD have spoken it. it up by the roots thereof.

when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

11 I Moreover the word of the Lorn

came unto me, saying,

12 Say now to the rebellious house. Know ye not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon:

13 And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him, and hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

16 As I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon

he shall die.

17 Neither shall Phā'raōh with his mighty army and great company make for him in the war, by casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons:

18 Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD: As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.

20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.

21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ve shall know that I the

22 Thus saith the Lord God: I will 10 Yea, behold, being planted, shall it also take of the highest branch of the off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a

high mountain and eminent:

23 In the mountain of the height of Is'ra-el will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done it.

CHAPTER 18

HE word of the LORD came unto me

again, saving,

2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Is'ra-el. saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

3 As I live, saith the Lord God, ve shall not have occasion any more to use this

proverb in Is'rā-ĕl.

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it

shall die. 5 W But if a man be just, and do that

which is lawful and right.

6 And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Is'ra-el, neither hath defiled his neighbor's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,

7 And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

8 He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from between man and man.

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly: he is just, he shall surely live, saith the

Lord Gop.

10 If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth the like to any one of these things,

duties, but even hath eaten upon the hath done he shall live.

high cedar, and will set it: I will crop mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife.

12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination.

13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his

blood shall be upon him.

14 ¶ Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

15 That hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Is'ra-el. hath not defiled his neighbor's wife.

16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered

the naked with a garment,

17 That hath taken off his hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18 As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall die

in his iniquity.

19 W Yet say ve. Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and iniquity, hath executed true judgment the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live,

he shall not die.

22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned 11 And that doeth not any of those unto him: in his righteousness that he wicked should die? saith the Lord GoD: learned to catch the prey; it devoured and not that he should return from his

ways, and live?

24 @ But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

25 ¶ Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Is'rā-ĕl: Îs not my way equal? are not

your ways unequal?

26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he

shall not die.

29 Yet saith the house of Is'rā-ĕl. The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Is'rā-ĕl, are not my ways equal?

are not your ways unequal?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Is'rā-ĕl, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn vourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 T Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O

house of Is'ra-ël?

wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye. tion, and shall be for a lamentation.

CHAPTER 19

MOREOVER, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Iş'rā-ĕl, nourished her whelps among young LORD, and sat before me. lions.

3 And she brought up one of her unto me, saying,

23 Have I any pleasure at all that the whelps: it became a young lion, and it men.

4 The nations also heard of him: he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.

5 Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made

him a young lion.

6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, and devoured men.

7 And he knew their desolate palaces. and he laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, by the noise of his roaring,

8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him: he was taken

in their pit.

9 And they put him in ward in chains. and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Iş'rā-ĕl.

10 II Thy mother is like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason

of many waters.

11 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

12 But she was plucked up in furv. she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered: the

fire consumed them.

13 And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

14 And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her 32 For I have no pleasure in the death fruit, so that she hath no strong rod to of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamenta-

CHAPTER 20

AND it came to pass in the seventh A year, in the fifth month, the tenth 2 And say, What is thy mother? A day of the month, that certain of the lioness: she lay down among lions, she elders of Iş'rā-ĕl came to inquire of the

2 Then came the word of the LORD

3 Son of man, speak unto the elders 14 But I wrought for my name's sake. of Iş'rā-ĕl, and say unto them, Thus that it should not be polluted before the saith the Lord GoD; Are ve come to inquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.

wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers:

5 C And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: In the day when I chose Iş'rā-ĕl, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I am the LORD your God;

6 In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands:

7 Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes. and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 But I wrought for my name's sake. that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

11 And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them.

12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am

the LORD that sanctify them.

13 But the house of Iş'rā-ĕl rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do. he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

15 Yet also I lifted up my hand unto 4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man, them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands:

16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them. from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness. Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

19 I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them:

20 And hallow my sabbaths: and they shall be a sign between me and you. that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

21 Notwithstanding, the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments accomplish my anger against them in to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and, disperse them through the countries;

24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end. that they might know that I am the LORD.

27 ¶ Therefore, son of man, speak they shall unto the house of Iş'rā-ĕi, and say unto Iş'rā-ĕi at them, Thus saith the Lord God; Yet in the Lord. this your fathers have blasphemed me, 39 As fo in that they have committed a trespass thus saith

against me.

28 For when I had brought them into the land, for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savor, and poured out there their drink offerings.

29 Then I said unto them, What is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Ba'mäh unto this

day.

30 Wherefore say unto the house of Is ra-ëi, Thus saith the Lord God; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after

their abominations?

31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Is'rā-ĕl? As I live, saith the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you.

32 And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

33 ¶ As I live, saith the Lord GoD,

surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured

out, will I rule over you:

34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead

with you face to face.

36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord Gon.

37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the

bond of the covenant:

38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and

they shall not enter into the land of Iş'rā-ĕl; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

39 As for you, O house of Îş'rā-ĕl, thus saith the Lord GoD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more

with your gifts, and with your idols.

40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Ig'rā-ēl, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Is'rā-ēl, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

41 I will accept you with your sweet savor, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before

the heathen.

42 And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall bring you into the land of Iş'rā-ĕi, into the country for the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

44 And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Is ra-el, saith the Lord God.

45 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD

came unto me, saying,

46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop thy word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field:

47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.

48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be

quenched.

against me: I will bring them forth out 49 Then said I, Ah Lord Gon! they of the country where they sojourn, and say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

CHAPTER 21

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop thy word toward the holy places, and prophesy against

the land of Is'ra-el,

3 And say to the land of Is'ra-el. Thus saith the LORD; Behold, Iam against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the

south to the north:

5 That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more. 6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man,

with the breaking of thy loins; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee. Wherefore sighest thou? that thou come to Rab'bath of the Ammonites. shalt answer. For the tidings, because it cometh: and every heart shall melt. and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water; behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord GOD.

8 4 Again the word of the LORD came

unto me saving.

9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:

10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, as every

11 And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slaver.

12 Cry and howl, son of man; for it shall be upon my people, it shall be upon all the princes of Iş'rā-ĕl: terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon hand. my people: smite therefore upon thy thigh.

13 Because it is a trial, and what if the sword contemn even the rod? it shall be no more, saith the Lord GoD.

gether, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great men that are slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.

15 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may faint, and their ruins be multiplied: ah! it is made bright, it is wrapped up

for the slaughter.

16 Go thee one way or other, either on the right hand, or on the left, whithersoever thy face is set.

17 I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest:

I the LORD have said it.

18 II The word of the LORD came unto

me again, saying,

19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of one land; and choose thou a place, choose it at the head of the way to the city.

20 Appoint a way, that the sword may

and to Judah in Jerusalem the defensed. 21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint battering rams against the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a fort.

23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity that they

may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to re-membrance, ye shall be taken with the

25 ¶ And thou, profane wicked prince of Is'ra-el, whose day is come, when

iniquity shall have an end.

26 Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: 14 Thou therefore, son of man, this shall not be the same: exalt him prophesy, and smite thine hands to- that is low, and abase him that is high. it: and it shall be no more, until he they dealt by oppression with the

it him.

28 And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter it is furbished, to consume because of the glittering:

29 While they see vanity unto thee, while they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an

end.

30 Shall I cause it to return into his sheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of

thy nativity.

31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee; I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilful to destroy.

32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire: thy blood shall be in the midst of the land: thou shalt be no more remembered: for I the LORD have spoken it.

CHAPTER 22

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt show her all her abomi-

nations.

3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord GoD; The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come. and maketh idols against herself to

defile herself.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.

5 Those that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous and much vexed.

·6 Behold, the princes of Is'ra-ĕl, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn and mother: in the midst of thee have come whose right it is; and I will give stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.

8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths. 9 In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee

they commit lewdness. 10 In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for

pollution.

11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughterin-law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

12 In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord Gon.

13 @ Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.

14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have

spoken it, and will do it.

15 And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness

out of thee.

16 And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

17 And the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Is'ra-el is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gon; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into

the midst of Jerusalem.

20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

7 In thee have they set light by father 21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow

ve shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

23 T And the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed. nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls: they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have violated my law. and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eves from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood. and to destroy souls, to get

dishonest gain.

28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them. saving. Thus saith the Lord God, when the LORD hath not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger

wrongfully.

30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath; their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 23

HE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:

upon you in the fire of my wrath, and Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their vouth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.

4 And the names of them were A-hō'lah the elder, and A-hol'i-bah her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; Sa-ma'rī-a is A-hō'lah, and

Terusalem A-hol'i-bah.

5 And A-hō'lah played the harlot when she was mine: and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbors, 6 Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

7 Thus she committed her whoredoms with them, with all them that were the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she doted: with all their idols she

defiled herself

8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.

9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.

10 These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters. and slew her with the sword: and she became famous among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

11 And when her sister A-hol'i-bah saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in her whoredoms.

12 She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbors, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled,

that they took both one way

14 And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chalde'ans portraved with vermilion,

15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chal-de'a, the land of their nativity:

16 And as soon as she saw them with 3 And they committed whoredoms in her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chal-

17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her mind was alignated from them.

18 So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister.

19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the

harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdress of thy wouth in bruising

the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps

of thy youth.

22 Therefore, O A-höl'i-bah, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side;

23 The Babylonians, and all the Châl-de'âns, Pê'köd, and Shô'á, and Kô'á, and all the Assyrians with them: all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses. 24 And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments.

25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire.

25 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair

iewels.

27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. 28 For thus saith the Lord Gop; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the

hand of them from whom thy mind is alienated:

29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labor, and shall leave thee naked and bare and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art pol-

luted with their idols.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.

32 Thus saith the Lord God; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large; thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Sa-mā'rī-ā.

34 Thou shalt even drink it and suck it out, and thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Gop,

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gody.
35 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gody.
Because thou hast forgotten me, and
cast me behind thy back, therefore bear
thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 The Lord said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge A-hō'lāh and A-hōl'i-bāh? yea, declare

unto them their abominations;

37 That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them.

38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.

39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the

midst of mine house.

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,

41 And satest upon a stately bed, and

thou hast set mine incense and mine oil. bones of it therein.

42 And a voice of a multitude being at 6 ¶ Wherefore thus saith the Lord ease was with her: and with the men of God; Woe to the bloody city, to the the common sort were brought Sa- pot whose scum is therein, and whose he'ans from the wilderness, which put scum is not gone out of it! bring it out bracelets upon their hands, and beau- piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it. tiful crowns upon their heads.

whoredoms with her, and she with

them?

44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto A-hô'lah and unto A-hol'i-bah, the lewd women.

45 M And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their and let the bones be burned. hands.

46 For thus saith the Lord Gop: I will bring up a company upon them, and

spoiled.

47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 24

AGAIN in the ninth year, in the tenth A month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saving,

2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against

Jerusalem this same day.

3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GoD; Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water into it:

4 Gather the pieces thereof into it. even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice hones.

burn also the bones under it, and make commanded.

a table prepared before it, whereupon it boil well, and let them seethe the

7 For her blood is in the midst of her: 43 Then said I unto her that was old she set it upon the top of a rock; she in adulteries, Will they now commit poured it not upon the ground, to cover

it with dust:

8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance: I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

9 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD: Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great.

10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire. consume the flesh, and spice it well,

11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiwill give them to be removed and ness of it may be molten in it. that the scum of it may be consumed.

12 She hath wearied herself with lies. and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum shall be in the

fire.

13 In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon

14 I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 I Also the word of the LORD came

unto me, saving,

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat

not the bread of men.

18 So I spake unto the people in the ones. morning: and at even my wife died: 5 Take the choice of the flock, and and I did in the morning as I was

19 I And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?

of the LORD came unto me, saving,

21 Speak unto the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, Thus saith the Lord GoD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth: and your sons and your daughters whom we have left shall fall by the sword.

22 And ve shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the

bread of men.

23 And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.

24 Thus Ē-zē'kī-ĕl is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall

know that I am the Lord Gon.

' 25 Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters.

26 That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to

hear it with thine ears?

27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 25

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against the

Ammonites, and prophesy against them; 3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord Gop: Thus saith the Lord GoD; Because thou saidst. Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Is ra-el, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity:

4 Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession, the old hatred; and they shall set their palaces in thee.

shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make Răb'bah a stable 20 Then I answered them. The word for camels, and the Ammonites a couching place for flocks: and ye shall know

that I am the LORD.

6 For thus saith the Lord GoD; Because thou hast clapped thine hands. and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Ĭş'rā-ĕl;

7 Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou

shalt know that I am the LORD. 8 I Thus saith the Lord GoD; Because that Mo'ab and Se'ir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the

heathen:

9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Mo'ab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth'-jesh'i-moth, Bā'āl-mē'ŏn, and Kīr'ī-a-thā'īm.

10 Unto the men of the east with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.

11 And I will execute judgments upon Mō'āb; and they shall know that I am

the LORD.

12 Thus saith the Lord Gop: Because that E'dom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gop: I will also stretch out mine hand upon E'dom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Tē'man; and they of Dē'dan shall fall

by the sword.

14 And I will lay my vengeance upon E'dom by the hand of my people Iş'rā-ĕl: and they shall do in E dom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord Gon.

15 Thus saith the Lord God; Because the Phi-lis'tines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy it for

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gop: and make their dwellings in thee: they Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Phi-lis'tines, and I will cut off the Cher'e-thim, and destroy the rem-

nant of the seacoast.

17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD. when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

CHAPTER 26

∧ND it came to pass in the eleventh vear, in the first day of the month. that the word of the LORD came unto

me, saying.

2 Son of man, because that Tr'rus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people; she is turned unto me; I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste:

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gop: Behold, I am against thee, O Ty'rus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his

waves to come up.

4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

5 It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GoD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

6 And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

7 ¶ For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Něb' ū-chăd-rěz'zár king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with be on all that haunt it! horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field; and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the

buckler against thee.

9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the

ground.

12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.

13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy

harps shall be no more heard.

14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it. saith the Lord God.

15 I Thus saith the Lord God to Ty'rus; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the

midst of thee?

16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their broidered garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee.

17 And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to

18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy de-

parture.

19 For thus saith the Lord God: When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee;

20 When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down horsemen, and of the wheels, and of to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living:

21 I will make thee a terror, and thou

shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GoD.

CHAPTER 27

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Now, thou son of man, take up a

lamentation for Ty'rus;

3 And say unto Tyrus, O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea, which art a merchant of the people for many isles, Thus saith the Lord God; O Tyrus, thou hast said, I am of perfect beauty.

4 Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy

beauty.

5 They have made all thy ship boards of fir trees of Se'nir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.

6 Of the oaks of Bā'shān have they made thine oars; the company of the Ash'ür-ites have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chit'tim.

7 Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; blue and purple from the isles of E-li'shah was that which covered thee.

8 The inhabitants of Zi'dŏn and Ar'văd were thy mariners: thy wise men, O Ty'rūs, that were in thee, were thy pilots.

9 The ancients of Ge'bal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise.

10 They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy

comeliness.

11 The men of Ar'vad with thine army were upon thy walls round about, and the Gam'ma-dim were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect.

12 Tar'shish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead,

they traded in thy fairs.

13 Jā'văn, Tū'bāl, and Mē'shēch, they were thy merchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy market.

14 They of the house of Tō-gar'mah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.

15 The men of Dē'dān were thy merchants; many isles were the merchandise of thine hand: they brought thee for

a present, horns of ivory and ebony.

16 Syria was thy merchant by reason of
the multitude of the wares of thy making: they occupied in thy fairs with
emeralds, purple, and broidered work.

and fine linen, and coral, and agate.
17 Judah, and the land of İş'rā-ĕl, they
were thy merchants: they traded in thy
market wheat of Min'nĭth, and Păn'năg,

and honey, and oil, and balm.

18 Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Hel'bon, and white wool.

19 Dan also and Jā'văn going to and fro occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.

20 Dē'dan was thy merchant in pre-

cious clothes for chariots.

21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kē'dar, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these were they thy merchants.

22 The merchants of Shē'bā and Rā'āmāh, they were thy merchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and

gold.

23 Hā'rān, and Căn'nēh, and Ē'den, the merchants of Shē'bà, Assh'ŭr, and Chīl'mād, were thy merchants.

24 These were thy merchants in all sorts of things, in blue clothes, and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.

25 The ships of Tär'shish did sing of thee in thy market: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in

the midst of the seas.

26 ¶ Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.

27 Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, and in all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.

28 The suburbs shall shake at the

sound of the cry of thy pilots.

mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, heart of God: shall come down from their ships, they

shall stand upon the land:

30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes:

31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart and bitter

wailing.

32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, What city is like Tv'rus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?

33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of

thy merchandise.

34 In the time when thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.

35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance.

36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be a terror.

and never shalt be any more.

CHAPTER 28

HE word of the LORD came again

unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tỹ'rữs, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel: there is no secret that they can hide

from thee:

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffic hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

29 And all that handle the oar, the Because thou hast set thine heart as the

7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit. and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas.

9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slaveth thee.

10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Gop.

11 I Moreover the word of the LORD

came unto me, saving,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Ty'rus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Gop: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and

perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in E'den the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so; thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the

midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till

iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee. O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gop: it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

20 Of Again the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, set thy face against Zi'don, and prophesy against it,

22 And say, Thus saith the Lord GoD; Behold, I am against thee, O Zi'don; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee; and they shall know that I am the LORD. when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

23 For I will send into her pestilence. and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am the

LORD.

24 ¶ And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Is'ra-el, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord

Gop.

25 Thus saith the Lord God: When shall have gathered the house of Is'rā-ĕl from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 29

N the tenth year, in the tenth month. in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying 2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaöh king of Egypt, and prophesy against

him, and against all Egypt:

3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.

4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and ish them, that they shall no more rule I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick over the nations.

to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto the scales.

5 And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of the rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.

6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of

Îş'rā-ĕl.

7 When they took hold of thee by the hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all

their loins to be at a stand. 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gop: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee. 9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath

said. The river is mine, and I have made it.

10 Behold, therefore I am against thee. and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Sỹ-ẽ'nẽ even unto the border of Ethiopia.

11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty

vears.

12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

13 ¶ Yet thus saith the Lord God; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they

were scattered:

14 And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Path'ros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom.

15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will dimin-

16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Is'ra-el, which bringeth their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I am the Lord GoD.

17 I And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, Něb ū-chăd-rěz zár king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Ty'rus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Něb'ū-chăd-rěz'zar king of Baby-Ion: and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me.

saith the Lord GoD.

21 In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Is'ra-el to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 30

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saving.

2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Howl ve. Woe worth the multitude of No.

the day!

be the time of the heathen. 4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.

5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league. shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith the LORD; They also that Egypt: and they shall know that I am uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of the LORD. her power shall come down: from the the sword, saith the Lord Goo.

7 And they shall be desolate in the of the LORD came unto me, saying, midst of the countries that are desolate, 21 Son of man, I have broken the arm midst of the countries that are desolate,

and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted.

8 And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be

destroyed.

9 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

10 Thus saith the Lord God: I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Neb'ū-chăd-rez'zar king of

Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

12 And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers:

I the LORD have spoken it.

13 Thus saith the Lord GoD; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of in the midst of them; and they shall Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will make Path'ros desolate, and will set fire in Zō'ăn, and will exe-

cute judgments in No.

15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off

16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall 3 For the day is near, even the day of have great pain, and No shall be rent the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily.

17 The young men of A'ven and of Pi-be'seth shall fall by the sword: and these cities shall go into captivity.

18 At Te-haph'ne-hes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her. daughters shall go into captivity.

19 Thus will I execute judgments in

20 C And it came to pass in the tower of Sỹ-ẽ'nẽ shall they fall in it by eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word

The areatness of Assuria. Its ruin

of Pha'raoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong

to hold the sword.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against Phā'raōh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and. I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse

them through the countries.

24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pha'raoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man.

25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaöh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the

land of Egypt.

26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 31

AND it came to pass in the eleventh A year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of

the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, speak unto Phā'raöh
king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

3 T Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of a high stature: and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her little rivers unto all the trees of

the field.

5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.

bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches; for his root

was by great waters.

8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; not any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches; so that all the trees of E'den, that were in the garden of God.

envied him.

10 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height:

11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen: he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wicked.

ness.

12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:

14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth. in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus saith the Lord God: In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field

fainted for him.

16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down 6 All the fowls of heaven made their to hell with them that descend into the nests in his boughs, and under his pit: and all the trees of E'den, the choice branches did all the beasts of the field and best of Lebanon, all that drink Lord GOD.

water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

17 They also went down into hell with him, unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.

18 ¶ To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of E'den? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of E'den unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Phâlraöh and all his multitude, saith the

CHAPTER 32

AND it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying.

2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Phā'raöh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

3 Thus saith the Lord God; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net.

4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.

6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.

7 And when I shall put thee out, I will 20 They shall cover the heaven, and make the stars that are slain he thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her livered to the slight. 21 The strong

8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God.

9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known.

10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

11 ¶ For thus saith the Lord GOD; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come

upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil,

saith the Lord GoD.

15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I am the Lorn.

16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, even for Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord God.

17 ¶ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me,

saying,

18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the un-

circumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by

the sword.

22 Assh'ür is there and all her company: his graves are about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of

the living.

24 There is E'lam and all her multitude round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.

25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that be slain.

26 There is Me'shech, Tu'bal, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised. slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

.27 And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt word at my mouth, and warn them from lie with them that are slain with the

sword.

29 There is E'dom, her kings, and all her princes, which with their might are laid by them that were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down quire at thine hand.

to the pit.

30 There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zi-do'ni-ans. which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Phā'raōh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Phā'raōh and all his army slain by the

sword, saith the Lord Gon.

land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Phā'raōh and all his multitude, saith the Lord Gon.

CHAPTER 33

AGAIN the word of the LORD came

unto me, saving. 2 Son of man, speak to the children of

thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: 3 If when he seeth the sword come

upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and

warn the people;

4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning: if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet. and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warn-

ing shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity: but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

7 \ So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Is'rā-ĕl; therefore thou shalt hear the

8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I re-

9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it: if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy

soul.

10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Is'ra-el: Thus ve speak, saving, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked 32 For I have caused my terror in the turn from his way and live: turn ye. turn ye from your evil ways; for why wastes of the land of Is'ra-el speak, will ve die, O house of Is'ra-el?

12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people. The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit injusty. all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right:

15 If the wicked restore the pledge. give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right:

he shall surely live.

17 If Yet the children of thy people say. The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

20 Tyet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ve house of Is'ra-el. I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 (And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Terusalem came unto me, saying. The city is smitten.

me in the evening, afore he that was a prophet hath been among them. escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

23 Then the word of the LORD came

unto me, saving,

saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many: the land is given us for inheritance.

25 Wherefore say unto them. Thus saith the Lord GoD; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood; and shall ve pos-

sess the land?

26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbor's wife: and shall ve possess the land?

27 Say thou thus unto them. Thus saith the Lord GoD; As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28 For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease: and the mountains of Is'ra-el shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

29 Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate, because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words. but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, 22 Now the hand of the LORD was upon it will come,) then shall they know that

CHAPTER 34

AND the word of the LORD came unto 1 me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Is'ra-el, prophesy, and say 24 Son of man, they that inhabit those unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds: Woe be to the shepherds of Is'ra-ël that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, we kill them that are fed: but

ve feed not the flock.

4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when

they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search foul the residue with your feet? or seek after them.

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the

word of the LORD;

8 As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;

9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the

word of the LORD;

10 Thus saith the Lord Gon: Behold I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

11 ¶ For thus saith the Lord GoD: Behold, I, even I, will both search my

sheep, and seek them out.

in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Is'ra-el by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture and upon the high mountains of Is'ra-ei shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Is'ra-ël 15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause

them to lie down, saith the Lord Gon. 16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away. and will bind up that which was broken

and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong: I will feed them with judgment. 17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge be-

tween cattle and cattle, between the

rams and the he goats. 18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ve must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must

19 And as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet: and they drink that which ye have

fouled with your feet.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.

21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have

scattered them abroad:

22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattle and cattle.

23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

24 And I the LORD will be their God. and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

25 And I will make with them a cove-12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock nant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of

blessing.

27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD. when I have broken the bands of their voke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them thee.

afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen ing. They are laid desolate, they are

30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Is'ra-el, are my people, saith the Lord God.

31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God. saith the Lord GoD.

CHAPTER 35

MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Se'ir, and prophesy against it, 3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord

God; Behold, O mount Se'ir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.

4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know

that I am the LORD.

5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end:

6 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: since thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

7 Thus will I make mount Se'ir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth.

8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain men: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ve shall know that I am the LORD.

10 Because thou hast said. These two nations and these two countries shall be

mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there:

11 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy. which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged

12 And thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Iş'rā-ĕl, saygiven us to consume.

13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard

14 Thus saith the Lord GoD: When the whole earth rejoiceth. I will make thee desolate.

15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Is'ra-el, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Se'ir, and all Id'ū-mē'a, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 36

ALSO, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Is'rā-ĕi, and say, Ye mountains of Iş'rā-ĕi, hear the word of the LORD:

2 Thus saith the Lord Gon: Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in

possession:

3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and we are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people:

4 Therefore, ye mountains of Iş'rā-ĕl, hear the word of the Lord GoD; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about:

5 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Id'ū-mē'a, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for

a prev.

6 Prophesy therefore concerning the land of Is'ra-el, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys. Thus saith the Lord GoD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen:

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD: I have lifted up mine hand. Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall

bear their shame.

8 ¶ But ye, O mountains of Is'rā-ĕl ve shall shoot forth your branches, and vield your fruit to my people of Is'ra-el: for they are at hand to come.

9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:

10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Is'ra-el, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:

11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast: and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Iş'rā-ĕl; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men.

13 Thus saith the Lord God: Because they say unto you, Thou land devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations;

14 Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any

more, saith the Lord Gop.

15 Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more. neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord Gop.

16 I Moreover the word of the LORD

came unto me, saying,

17 Son of man, when the house of Iş'rā-ĕl dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed

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upon the land, and for their idols where

with they had polluted it:

19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them. These are the people of the LORD. and are gone forth out of his land.

21 W But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Is'ra-el had profaned among the heathen, whither

they went.

22 Therefore say unto the house of Is'rā-ĕl. Thus saith the Lord Gon; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Is'rā-ĕl, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name. which was profaned among the heathen which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their

eves. 24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 C Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of

flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you. and cause you to walk in my statutes. and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28 And ve shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

31 Then shall ye remember your own

good, and shall loathe yourselves in your I am the LORD. own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your

own ways, O house of Is'rā-ĕl.

33 Thus saith the Lord GoD: In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall he huilded.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all

that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of E'den; and the waste and desolate they lived, and stood up upon their feet, and ruined cities are become fenced. and are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have

spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith the Lord God: I will vet for this be inquired of by the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Terusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the

LORD.

CHAPTER 37

THE hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst formed it, saith the LORD. of the valley which was full of bones.

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo. theu were very dry

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered. O

Lord GoD, thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them. O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you,

evil ways, and your doings that were not and ye shall live; and ye shall know that

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there

was no breath in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds. O breath. and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and

an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Iş'rā-ĕl: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Be-hold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the

land of Iş'rā-ĕl.

13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of

your graves.

14 And shall put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and per-

15 The word of the LORD came again

unto me, saying,

16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Is'ra-ël his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of E'phra-im, and for all the house of Is'rā-ĕl his companions:

17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in

thine hand.

18 ¶ And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou mean-

est by these? 19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the stick of

Joseph, which is in the hand of E'phraim, and the tribes of Is'ra-el his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

20 T And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before

their eyes.

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Is'rā-ĕl from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Iş'rā-ĕl; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two

kingdoms any more at all:

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God

24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes,

and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them

for evermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they

shall be my people.

28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Ĭş'rā-ĕl, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

CHAPTER 38

the land of Ma'gog, the chief prince of Me'shech and Tu'bal, and prophesy against him,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord Gon: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Me'sheeh and Tu'bal:

4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and hel-

6 Go'mer, and all his bands; the house of To-gar mah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a

guard unto them.

8 ¶ After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Iş'ra-ĕl, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and

many people with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor

gates.

12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

13 Shē'bā, and Dē'dăn, and the mer-AND the word of the Lord came unto thanks of Tar'shish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art 2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, thou come to take a spoil? hast thou

gathered thy company to take a prev? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

14 I Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Is'rā-ĕl dwelleth safely, shalt thou not

know it?

15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty

army:

16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Is'ra-el, as a cloud to cover the land: it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be

17 Thus saith the Lord Gon: Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Is'rā-ĕl. which prophesied in those days many years, that I would bring thee against

them?

18 And it shall come to pass at the the land of Is'ra-el, saith the Lord God. that my fury shall come up in my face.

19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the

land of Is'ra-ĕl:

20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GoD: every man's sword shall

be against his brother.

22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hail-stones, fire, and brimstone.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall

know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 39

HEREFORE, thou son of man, I prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Mē'shech and Tū'bāl:

2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts. and will bring thee upon the mountains

of Is'ra-ĕl:

3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to

fall out of thy right hand.

4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Iş'rā-ĕl, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort. sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their and to the beasts of the field, to be devoured.

> 5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. 6 And I will send a fire on Mā'gŏg, and

> among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

7 So will I make my holy name known in same time when Gog shall come against the midst of my people Is'rā-ĕl; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in İş'rā-ĕl.

8 ¶ Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GoD; this is the day

whereof I have spoken

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Ĭs'rā-ĕl shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord

GOD.

11 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Iş'rā-ĕl, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea; and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it, The valley of Hā'mon-gog.

12 And seven months shall the house

of Is'rā-ĕl be burving of them, that they may cleanse the land

13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified,

saith the Lord God.

14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land, to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

15 And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in

the valley of Hā'mon-gog.

16 And also the name of the city shall be Ha-mo'nah. Thus shall they cleanse

the land.

17 ¶ And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of rā-ĕl, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bā'shan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ve shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord God.

21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and

my hand that I have laid upon them. 22 So the house of Iş'rā-ēl shall know that I am the LORD their God from that

day and forward.

23 Q And the heathen shall know that the house of Iş'rā-ĕl went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies; so fell they all by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from

them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord Gon-Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Is'ra-el, and will be jealous for my holy name:

26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses wherehy they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none

made them afraid.

27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am canctified in them in the sight of many nations:

28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Is'ra-el, saith

the Lord GoD.

CHAPTER 40

IN the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Iş'rā-ĕl, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.

3 And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall show thee; for to the intent that I might show them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Is'ra-el.

5 And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long by the cubit and a handbreadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, which was one reed broad; and the other threshold of ured the length thereof, and the breadth the gate, which was one reed broad.

7 And every little chamber was one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers were five cubits: and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within was one reed.

8 He measured also the porch of the

gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof. two cubits; and the porch of the gate was

inward.

10 And the little chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side. 11 And he measured the breadth of the

entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The space also before the little chambers was one cubit on this side, and the space was one cubit on that side: and the little chambers were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of one little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth was five and twenty cubits, door against door,

14 He made also posts of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court this side, and another on that side, upon

round about the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate were fifty cubits.

16 And there were narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts wise to the arches: and windows were used the south gate according to these round about inward: and upon each post measures; were palm trees.

ward court, and, lo, there were cham- of, according to these measures: and bers, and a pavement made for the there were windows in it and in the court round about: thirty chambers were arches thereof round about: it was fifty

upon the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the broad. gates over against the length of the

gates was the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

20 I And the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he meas-

21 And the little chambers thereof were three on this side and three on that side: and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof

were before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court was over against the gate toward the north. and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

24 ¶ After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south; and he measured the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to

these measures.

25 And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them: and it had palm trees, one on

the posts thereof.

27 And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner within the gate round about, and like- court by the south gate: and he meas-

29 And the little chambers thereof, and 17 Then brought he me into the out- the posts thereof, and the arches therecubits long, and five and twenty cubits

30 And the arches round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five

cubits broad.

31 And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof; and the going up to it had eight steps.

32 M And he brought me into the inner court toward the east; and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, were according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof were toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.

35 I And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these

measures;

36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had

eight steps. 38 And the chambers and the entries thereof were by the posts of the gates,

where they washed the burnt offering. 39 I And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering.

40 And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two

tables.

41 Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they

slew their sacrifices.

42 And the four tables were of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within were hooks, a hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables was the flesh of the offering.

court, which was at the side of the north of the house for the side chambers round

gate; and their prospect was toward the south: one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north. 45 And he said unto me, This chamber,

whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge

of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Za'dok among the sons of Levi. which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.

47 So he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar that

was before the house.

48 I And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side. and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits: and he brought me by the steps whereby they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side. and another on that side.

CHAPTER 41

AFTERWARD he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side; and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the

door, seven cubits.

4 So he measured the length thereof. twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me. This is the most holy blace.

5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers were three. 44 ¶ And without the inner gate were one over another, and thirty in order; the chambers of the singers in the inner and they entered into the wall which was about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers were a full reed of six great

cubits.

9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side chamber without, was five cubits; and that which was left was the place of the side chambers that were within.

10 And between the chambers was the wideness of twenty cubits round about

the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south; and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

13 So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof,

a hundred cubits long;

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward

the east, a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which was behind it, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court;

16 The doorposts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, ceiled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the

windows were covered;

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by measure.

18 And it was made with cherubim and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub; and everu

cherub had two faces:

19 So that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: it was made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door were cherubim and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

21 The posts of the temple were squared, and the face of the sanctuary: the appearance of the one as the appear-

ance of the other.

22 The altar of wood was three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits: and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before the LORD.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary

had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves abiece, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other door.

25 And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And there were narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and upon the side chambers of the house, and thick planks.

CHAPTER 42

HEN he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of a hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was

fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and over against the pavement which was for the outer court, was gallery against gallery in three stories.

4 And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit: and their doors toward the

north.

5 Now the upper chambers were with the measuring reed round about. shorter: for the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than the hundred reeds, with the measuring reed

middlemost of the building.

6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the building was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that was without over against the chambers, toward the outer court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple were a hun-

dred cubits.

9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court.

10 The chambers were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east. over against the separate place, and

over against the building.

11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the chambers which were toward the north, as long as they, and as broad as they: and all their goings out were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the face. chambers that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place. they be holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy.

14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to those things which are for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east side with the

17 He measured the north side, five round about.

18 He measured the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed. 19 If He turned about to the west side.

and measured five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

CHAPTER 43

FTERWARD he brought me to the A gate, even the gate that looketh

toward the east:

2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Is'ra-el came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.

3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Che'bar; and I fell upon my

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose

prospect is toward the east.

5 So the spirit took me up, and brought 13 I Then said he unto me, The north me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

> 6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

> 7 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Is'ra-ël for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Is'ra-el no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

> 8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have con-

sumed them in mine anger.

9 Now let them put away their whoremeasuring reed, five hundred reeds, dom, and the carcasses of their kings,

far from me, and I will dwell in the thereof, and put it on the four horns of midst of them for ever.

10 Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them

measure the pattern.

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young ordinances thereof, and do them.

12 This is the law of the house: Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

13 4 And these are the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit is a cubit and a handbreadth; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about shall be a span; and this shall be the higher place of the altar.

14 And from the bottom upon the ground even to the lower settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle even to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit.

15 So the altar shall be four cubits: and from the altar and upward shall be four horns.

16 And the altar shall be twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four

squares thereof.

17 And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.

18 C And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GoD; These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood

thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Lë'vites that be of the seed of Zādok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, a young bullock for a sin offering.

it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, with-

out the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of bullock without blemish, and a ram out

of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them upfor a burnt offering unto the LORD.

25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall con-

secrate themselves.

27 And when these days are expired. it shall be, that upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings upon the altar, and your peace offerings; and I will accept you. saith the Lord Gop.

CHAPTER 44

THEN he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it

was shut.

2 Then said the LORD unto me: This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD the God of Is'ra-el hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD: he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 I Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and

I fell upon my face.

5 And the LORD said unto me. Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine 20 And thou shalt take of the blood eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious. even to the house of Iş'rā-ĕl, Thus saith the Lord God; O ye house of Is'ra-el, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

7 In that we have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

8 And we have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for

yourselves.

9 C Thus saith the Lord God: No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Is'ra-el.

10 And the Le'vites that are gone away far from me, when Is'ra-ĕl went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols: they shall even bear their nor suffer their locks to grow long; they

iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slav the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Is'ra-el to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GoD, and they

shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done

15 ¶ But the priests the Lē'vītes, the

come near to me to minister unto me and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GoD:

16 They shall enter into my sanctuary. and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keen

my charge.

17 I And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that

causeth sweat.

19 And when they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lav them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

20 Neither shall they shave their heads.

shall only poll their heads.

21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Is'ra-el, or a widow that had a priest before.

23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between

the unclean and the clean.

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father. or for mother, or for son, or for daughter. for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into sons of Za'dok, that kept the charge of the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to my sanctuary when the children of minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer Is ra-ël went astray from me, they shall his sin offering, saith the Lord God.

28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance; I am their inheritance: and ve shall give them no possession in Is'rā-ĕl: I am their possession.

29 They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in

Is'rā-ĕl shall be theirs.

30 And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine

31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

CHAPTER 45

OREOVER, when ye shall divide IVI by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, a holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five maneh. hundred in breadth, square round about: and fifty cubits round about for the

suburbs thereof.

3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary and the

most holy place.

4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary.

5 And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Le'vites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.

6 Of And we shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, over against the oblation of the holy portion: Īş'rā-ĕl.

And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other ciliation for the house of Is'ra-el. side of the oblation of the holy portion,

and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.

8 In the land shall be his possession in Îş'rā-ĕl: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Îş'rā-ĕl according to their tribes.

9 Thus saith the Lord God: Let it suffice you, O princes of Is'rā-ĕl: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord Gop.

10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ë'phah, and a just bath.

11 The e'phah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the e'phan the tenth part of a homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

. 12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your

13 This is the oblation that ve shall offer; the sixth part of an e'phah of a homer of wheat, and ve shall give the sixth part of an e'phah of a homer of barley:

14 Concerning the ordinance of oil. the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is a homer of ten baths; for ten baths are a

homer:

15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Is'rā-ĕl: for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord GOD.

16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Is'ra-el.

17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Is'ra-el: it shall be for the whole house of he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meat offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make recon-

18 Thus saith the Lord God; In the

Offerings of the prince and the peoble

first month, in the first day of the month. thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:

19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so

shall ye reconcile the house.

21 In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin

offering.

23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering.

24 And he shall prepare a meat offering of an e'phah for a bullock, and an e'phah for a ram, and a hin of oil for an

ē'phāh.

25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days. according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meat offering, and according to the oil.

CHAPTER 46

HUS saith the Lord God: The gate I of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon

it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3 Likewise the people of the land shall

worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new

moons.

shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish. and a ram without blemish.

5 And the meat offering shall be an e'phah for a ram, and the meat offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give. and a hin of oil to an e'phah.

6 And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall

he without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat offering an e'phah for a bullock, and an e'phah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and a hin of oil to an e'phah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of that gate, and he shall go forth by the

way thereof.

9 C But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when

they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat offering shall be an ē'phāh to a bullock, and an ē'phāh to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an e'phah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, one shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD of a lamb of the first year without blemish: thou shalt

prepare it every morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an e'phah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour; a meat offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.

4 And the burnt offering that the prince. 15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb,

and the meat offering, and the oil. every morning for a continual burnt offering. 16 C Thus saith the Lord Gon: If the

prince give a gift unto any of his sons. the inheritance thereof shall be his sons': it shall be their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after, it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance

shall be his sons' for them.

18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession; that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

10 C After he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate. into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the two

sides westward.

20 Then said he unto me. This is the place where the priests shall boil the the bank of the river were very many trespass offering and the sin offering, where they shall bake the meat offering: that they bear them not out into the outer court, to sanctify the people,

21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every corner of the court there

mas a court.

22 In the four corners of the court there were courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four corners

mere of one measure.

23 And there was a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it was made with boiling places under the rows round about.

24 Then said he unto me, These are the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

CHAPTER 47

AFTERWARD he brought me again I unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for at the south side of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right

side.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters: the waters were to the ankles.

4 Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters: the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through: the waters were to the loins.

5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

6 I And he said unto me. Son of man. hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, at trees on the one side and on the other. 8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the

sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.

9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engē'dī even unto Ěn-ěg'lā-ĭm; they shall be a blace to spread forth nets: their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed;

they shall be given to salt.

12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit the forefront of the house stood toward thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth the east, and the waters came down from new fruit according to his months, beunder, from the right side of the house, cause their waters they issued out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for

medicine.

13 Thus saith the Lord God: This shall be the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Is'rā-ĕl: Joseph shall have two portions.

14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you

for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Heth'lon, as men

go to Zē'dăd:

16 Hā'māth, Bē-rō'thah, Sīb-rā'im, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Ha'math: Ha'zarhăt'tĭ-con, which is by the coast of Hau'ran

17 And the border from the sea shall be Hā'zār-ē'năn, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hā'māth. And this is the

north side.

18 And the east side ye shall measure from Hau'ran, and from Damascus, and from Gil'ē-ad, and from the land of Is'rā-ĕl by Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And this is the east side.

19 And the south side southward, from Ta'mar even to the waters of strife in Kā'desh, the river to the great sea. And this is the south side southward.

20 The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hā'māth. This is the west side, 21 So shall ye divide this land unto

you according to the tribes of Is'ra-el. 22 And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Iş'rā-ĕl; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl.

23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith

the Lord God.

CHAPTER 48

NOW these are the names of the be five and twenty the tribes. From the north end to the breadth ten thousand. coast of the way of Heth'lon, as one

goeth to Hā'măth, Hā'zār-ē'năn, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Ha'math; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan.

2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, a portion

for Ash'er.

3 And by the border of Ash'er, from the east side even unto the west side, a portion for Naph'tá-li.

4 And by the border of Naph'ta-li, from the east side unto the west side, a bor-

tion for Ma-nas'seh.

5 And by the border of Ma-nas'seh. from the east side unto the west side, a portion for E'phra-im.

6 And by the border of E'phra-im from the east side even unto the west side, a portion for Reuben.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, a

portion for Judah.

8 4 And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

9 The oblation that we shall offer unto the LORD shall be of five and twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand

in breadth.

10 And for them, even for the priests. shall be this holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

11 It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Za'dok: which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Iş'rā-ĕl went astray, as the Le'vites went astray.

12 And this oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Le'vites.

13 And over against the border of the priests, the Le'vites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the

14 And they shall not sell of it, neither

exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of which is the prince's, between the the land: for it is holy unto the LORD.

15 @ And the five thousand, that are Benjamin, shall be for the prince. left in the breadth over against the five and twenty thousand, shall be a profane blace for the city, for dwelling, and for jamin shall have a bortion. suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these shall be the measures thereof; the north side four thousand four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thou- from the east side unto the west side, sand and five hundred.

Zéh'ū-lūn a tortion

17 And the suburbs of the city shall he toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy portion toward the great sea.

shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten 29 This is the lan thousand westward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy bortion: and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city.

10 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Iş'rā-ĕl. 20 All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty

thousand: ye shall offer the holy obla-

the city.

21 ¶ And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over against the jamin, one gate of Dan. five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover, from the possession of

border of Judah and the border of

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side. Ben-

24 And by the border of Benjamin,

from the east side unto the west side. Simeon shall have a portion.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from and five hundred, and the south side the east side unto the west side. Is sachar a bortion.

26 And by the border of Is'sa-char,

27 And by the border of Zeb'ū-lun, from the east side unto the west side.

Gad a portion.

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Ta'mar unto the waters of strife in Ka'desh, and to the river

29 This is the land which ve shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Is'ra-ěl for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord GoD.

30 I And these are the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand

and five hundred measures.

31 And the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Is'ra-el: three gates northward; one gate of tion foursquare, with the possession of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

> 32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Ben-

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures; and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Is'sa-char, one gate of Zeb'u-lun.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Ash'er, one

gate of Naph'ta-li.

35 It was round about eighteen thouthe Le'vites, and from the possession of sand measures: and the name of the city the city, being in the midst of that from that day shall be. The LORD is there.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

CHAPTER 1

IN the third year of the reign of Jē-hôi'a-kim king of Judah came Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Je-hol'a-kim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shi'nar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 C And the king spake unto Ash'pēnaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Is'ra-ĕl, and of the king's seed, and of

the princes;

4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well-favored, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldē'ăns.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hăn'à-nī'àh, Mīsh'ā-ĕl, and Āz'à-rī'àh:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Bel'te-shazzar; and to Han'a-ni'ah, of Sha'drach; and to Mish'a-el, of Me'shach; and to Az'a-ri'ah, of A-bed'-ne-go.

8 If But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of

the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel. I fear my lord the king. who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Měl'zär, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Han'a-ni'ah, Mish'a-ël, and Az'a-rī'ah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee. ten days: and let them give us pulse to

eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest. deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. 16 Thus Mel'zar took away the por-

tion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. 17 C As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had

understanding in all visions and dreams. 18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought

them in before Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar. 19 And the king communed with them: and among them all was found none like Daniel, Han'a-ni'ah, Mish'a-čl, and Az'a-rī'ah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued even unto

the first year of king Cyrus.

CHAPTER 2

AND in the second year of the reign of Něb'ū-chād-něz'zar. Něb'ūchăd-nez'zar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers. and the sorcerers, and the Chal-de'ans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said unto them, I have

dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4 Then spake the Chal-de'ans to the king in Syr'i-ac, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will

show the interpretation.

5 The king answered and said to the Chal-de'ans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. 6 But if ye show the dream, and the

interpretation thereof, ye shall receive honor: therefore show me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

the king tell his servants the dream, for wisdom and might are his: and we will show the interpretation of it.

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can show me the interpretation thereof.

10 The Chal-de'ans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer,

or Chăl-de'ăn.

11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. 12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be

slain.

14 C Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Ar'i-och the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slav the wise men of Babylon:

15 He answered and said to Ar'i-och made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Han'a-ni'ah, Mish'ā-el, and Az'a-ri'ah, his com-

panions:

18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then was the secret revealed of me gifts and rewards and great unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed 7 They answered again and said, Let be the name of God for ever and ever:

21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

24 ¶ Therefore Daniel went in unto Ar'i-och, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him: Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Ar'ī-ŏch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him. I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Běl'tē-shaz'zar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the

interpretation thereof?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said. The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsavers, show unto the king:

the king's captain, Why is the decree 28 But there is a God in heaven that so hasty from the king? Then Ar'i-och revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy

bed, are these;

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

31 ¶ Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his

belly and his thighs of brass, 33 His legs of iron, his feet part of

iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 ¶ This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the

king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.
38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall

bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and

partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it

shall stand for ever.

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

46 Then the king Nëb'ū-chădnëz'zār fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet

odors unto him.

47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou

couldest reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shā'drāch, Mā'shāch, and A-bēd'-nē-gō, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in

the gate of the king.

CHAPTER 3

NEB'Ū-CHĀD-NEZ'ZĀR the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits; he set it up. in the plain of Du'ra, in the province of not regarded thee: they serve not thy

Babylon.

2 Then Neb'ū-chad-nez'zar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges. the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar the king had set up.

3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Neb'ū-chad-nez'zar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Něb'ū-chad-něz'zar had set

4 Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and

languages,

5 That at what time ve hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar ful to answer thee in this matter. the king hath set up:

6 And whose falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery

furnace.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet. flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Něb' ü-chăd-něz'zar the king had set up.

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chăl-de'ănş came near, and accused

the Jews.

9 They spake and said to the king Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zàr, O king, live for

ever.

10 Thou. O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound fiery furnace.
of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, 21 Then these men were bound in music, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

11 And whose falleth not down and furnace. worshippeth, that he should be cast

hast set over the affairs of the province slew those men that took up Shā'drach, of Babylon, Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and Mē'shāch, and A-bed'-ne-go. A-běď-nē-gō; these men. O king, have 23 And these three men. Shā'drach,

gods, nor worship the golden image

which thou hast set up.

13 ¶ Then Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and A-běd'-nēgo. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Něb' ū-chăd-něz'zár spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shā'drāch, Me'shāch, and A-bed'-ne-go? do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ve worship not. ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and A-běd'në-go, answered and said to the king, O Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar, we are not care-

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which

thou hast set up.

19 Then was Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shā'drāch, Mē' shach, and A-bed'-ne-go: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and A-běd'nē-gō, and to cast them into the burning

psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of their coats, their hose, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning flery

22 Therefore because the king's cominto the midst of a burning fiery furnace. mandment was urgent, and the furnace 12 There are certain Jews whom thou exceeding hot, the flame of the fire

bound into the midst of the burning

fiery furnace.

was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counselors. Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of

God.

26 Then Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and A-běd'-nē-gō, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shā'drāch, Mē'shāch, and A-bĕd'-nē-gō, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on

them.

28 Then Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zàr spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shat drăch, Mē'shāch, and A-bĕd'–nē-gō, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shā'drach, Mē'shach, and À-bĕd'-nē-gō, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

30 Then the king promoted Shā'drāch, Me'shaeh, and A-bed'-ne-go, in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER 4

TEB'Ū-CHAD-NEZ'ZAR the king. unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

Mē'shāch, and A-běd'-nē-go, fell down and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

3 How great are his signs! and how 24 Then Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár the king mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

4 C I Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my

palace:

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.

7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chăl-de'ăns, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation

thereof. 8 C But at the last Daniel came in before

me, whose name was Bel'te-shaz'zar. according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream.

saying,
9 O Běl'tē-shăz'zar, master of the
magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen. and the interpretation thereof.

10 Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height

thereof was great.

11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven and the sight thereof to the end of all

the earth:

12 The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof. and all flesh was fed of it.

13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven:

14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches. shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

15 Nevertheless, leave the stump of 2 I thought it good to show the signs his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass and this is the decree of the Most High. dew of heaven, and let his portion be

16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart he given

him.

watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth

up over it the basest of men.

18 This dream I king Něb'û-chădněz'zár have seen. Now thou, O Běl'têshaz'zar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

19 Then Daniel, whose name was Běl'tē-shăz'zar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Běl'tē-shazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Běl'tēshăz'zar answered and said, Mý lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, my power, and for the honor of my and the interpretation thereof to thine

enemies.

20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thee it is spoken; The kingdom is de-

thereof to all the earth:

21 Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

22 It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be heaven, and mine understanding re-with the beasts of the field, till seven turned unto me, and I blessed the Most times pass over him;

of the field; and let it be wet with the which is come upon my lord the king:

25 That they shall drive thee from men. with the beasts in the grass of the earth; and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet unto him; and let seven times pass over thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know 17 This matter is by the decree of the that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots: thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the

heavens do rule.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor: if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

28 ¶ All this came upon the king

Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of

majesty?

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár, to

parted from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zár: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like

birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I Neb'ūchăd-nez zar lifted up mine eyes unto High, and I praised and honored him 24 This is the interpretation, O king, that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth

are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand. or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honor and brightness returned unto me; and my counselors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now I Něb'ú-chăd-něz'zár praise and extol and honor the King of heaven. all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride

he is able to abase.

CHAPTER 5

BEL-SHAZ'ZAR the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the

thousand.

2 Běl-shăz'zár, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, drank in

them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass. of

iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him. so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against

another.

7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chal-de'ans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be third ruler in the kingdom.

clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the

third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then came in all the king's wise menbut they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

9 Then was king Běl-shāz'zàr greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were

astonished.

10 ¶ Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let

thy countenance be changed:

11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chal-de ans, and soothsayers:

12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit. and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel. whom the king named Běl'tē-shāz'zar; now let Daniel be called, and he will

show the interpretation.

13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Tewry?

14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent

wisdom is found in thee.

15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not show the in-

terpretation of the thing:

16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the before the king, Let thy gifts be to kingdom. thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king of the Chal-de'ans slain. the king and make known to him the interpretation.

18 O thou king, the most high God gave two years old. Něb'ū-chăd-něz'zar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor:

19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages. trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

20 But when his heart was lifted up. and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and

they took his glory from him:

21 And he was driven from the sons of men: and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou his son, O Bel-shaz'zar, hast not humbled thine heart, though

thou knewest all this;

23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written. 25 C And this is the writing that was written, Me'ne, Me'ne, Te'kel,

Ų-phär'sĭn.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: Me'ne; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TE'KEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PĒ'RĒŞ; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. 29 Ther commanded Bel-shaz'zar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and fore his God, as he did aforetime. made a proclamation concerning him,

17 (T Then Daniel answered and said that he should be the third ruler in the

30 In that night was Běl-shaz'zar

31 And Da-ri'us the Mē'di-an took the kingdom, being about threescore and

CHAPTER 6

TT pleased Da-ri'us to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom:

2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the

king should have no damage.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning

the law of his God.

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him. King Da-rī'us, live for

ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom. the governors, and the princes, the counselors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Mēdeş and Persians, which altereth not. 9 Wherefore king Da-ri'us signed the

writing and the decree.

10 T Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and, his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and guts thanks be-

11 Then these men assembled, and

found Daniel praying and making sup-

plication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Iudah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh

his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be

changed.
16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning

Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the

den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king,

O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and like to a bear, and it raised up itself on

hath shut the lions' mouths, that then have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done

no hurt. 23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that the should take Daniel up out of the den So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

24 M And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had an cused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 Then king Da-ri'us wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multi-

plied unto you.

26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel

from the power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Da-rī'us, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

CHAPTER 7

IN the first year of Běl-shaz'zár king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the

great sea.

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold another beast, a second.

one side, and it had three ribs in the in the midst of my body, and the visions mouth of it between the teeth of it: and of my head troubled me. they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given

to it. 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse

from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eves like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 CI I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and

his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given dom are ten kings that shall arise: and to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: vet their lives were prolonged for a sea-

son and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him

near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, destroyed.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of

the earth.

18 But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and

ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed

against them;

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the

saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kinganother shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he

shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the and his kingdom that which shall not be whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, 15 ¶ I Daniel was grieved in my spirit whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and of heaven; and it cast down some of the

ohev him.

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

CHAPTER 8

IN the third year of the reign of king Běl-shăz'zar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shu'shan in the palace, which is in the province of E'lam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of U'lai.

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

5 And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in

the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

10 And it waxed great, even to the host stand up.

host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the

place of his sanctuary was cast down 12 And a host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground: and it practised, and prospered

13 Then I heard one saint speaking and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice. and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall

the sanctuary be cleansed.

15 I And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a

16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of U'lai, which called, and said, Gā'bri-el, make this man to under-

stand the vision.

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and set

me upright.

19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Me'di-a and Persia.

21 And the rough goat is the king of Grē'çi-a: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance. and understanding dark sentences, shall

24 And his power shall be mighty, but thou hast driven them, because of their not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the

mighty and the holy people.

25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart. and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it

shall be for many days.

27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

CHAPTER 9

N the first year of Da-ri'us the son of A-has'u-e'rus, of the seed of the Mēdes, which was made king over the

realm of the Chal-de'ans:

2 In the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 C And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and

ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God. and made my confession, and said. O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments:

5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto far off, through all the countries whither desolations, and the city which is called

trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned

against thee.

9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him:

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his serv-

ants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Is'rā-ĕl have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice: therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he hath confirmed his words. which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been

done upon Jerusalem.

13 As it is written in the law of Moses. all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed

not his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 Of O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the

Lord's sake.

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and all Is'ra-el, that are near, and that are hear; open thine eyes, and behold our by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 ¶ And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people is rā-ei, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God:

21 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gā'bri-ĕl, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and under-

standing.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore understand the mat-

ter, and consider the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto the Mes-si'ah the Prince, shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous

times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Més-si'áh be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the

war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

CHAPTER 10

IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Bĕl'tē-shāz'zar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning

three full weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hid'de-këi:

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of U phaz:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fied to hide them-

selves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 ¶ And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon

the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent, And when he had spoken this word unto me. I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty

days: but, lo, Mī'chā-ĕl, one of the chief his dominion which he ruled: for his princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for manu days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the

ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake. and said unto him that stood before me. O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath

left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man.

and he strengthened me,

19 And said. O man greatly beloved. fear not: peace be unto thee; be strong. yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened. and said. Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: forces: and one shall certainly come, and and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince

of Grē'ci-a shall come.

21 But I will show thee that which is noted in the Scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Mī'chā-ĕl your prince.

CHAPTER 11

LSO I in the first year of Da-ri'us the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and

to strengthen him.

2 And now will I show thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Gre'ci-à.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up. that shall rule with great dominion, and

do according to his will.

and not to his posterity, nor according to they shall fall.

kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides those.

5 I And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together: for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm: neither shall be stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north. and shall deal against them, and shall

prevail:

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into

his own land.

10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great overflow, and pass through; then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude: but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up: and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened

bu it.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall many 4 And when he shall stand up, his king- stand up against the king of the south: dom shall be broken, and shall be di- also the robbers of thy people shall exalt vided toward the four winds of heaven; themselves to establish the vision; but

15 So the king of the north shall come. and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by

his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many; but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to

turn upon him. 19 Then he shall turn his face toward

the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of

the covenant.

23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with

a small people.

24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strongholds. even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor south shall be stirred up to battle with a regard any god: for he shall magnify very great and mighty army; but he shall himself above all.

The kings of the north and of the south not stand; for they shall forecast devices

against him. 26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army

shall overflow; and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall he against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the

latter.

30 T For the ships of Chit'tim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do: he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part. and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomi-

nation that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days,

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of

God of forces: and a god whom his everlasting life, and some to shame and fathers knew not shall he honor with everlasting contempt. gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things,

39 Thus shall he do in the most strongholds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for

gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even E'dom, and Mo'ab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also

Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAPTER 12

AND at that time shall Mi'chā-ĕl stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall he found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the at the end of the days.

38 But in his estate shall he honor the dust of the earth shall awake, some to

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that turn many to righteousness,

as the stars for ever and ever.

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold. king of the south push at him: and the there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the

> 6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river. How long shall it be to the end of

these wonders

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen. which was upon the waters of the river. when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him upon the countries: and the land of that liveth for ever, that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I. O my Lord, what shall be

the end of these things?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till

the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand: but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hun-

dred and ninety days.

12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred

and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot

HOSEA

CHAPTER 1

HE word of the LORD that came unto Hō-ṣē'a, the son of Bē-ē'rī, in the days of Uz-zī'ah, Jo'tham, Ahaz, and Hez'e-ki'ah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jer'ō-bō'am the son of Jō'ash, king of Iṣ'rā-ĕl.

2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hō-sē'ā. And the LORD said to Hō-sē'a, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD.

3 So he went and took Go'mer the children; for they be the children of daughter of Dib-la'im: which conceived.

and bare him a son.

4 And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Tez're-el: for vet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jez're-el upon the house of Je'hū, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Īs'rā-ĕl.

5 And it shall come to pass at that day. that I will break the bow of Is'ra-el in

the valley of Jez're-el.

6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him. Call her name Lö'-ru-hā'mah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Is'ra-ël; but I will utterly take them away.

7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by

horses, nor by horsemen.

8 ¶ Now when she had weaned Lō'-ruhā'māh, she conceived, and bare a son. 9 Then said God, Call his name Loăm'mi: for ye are not my people, and I

will not be your God.

10 ¶ Yet the number of the children of Iş'rā-ĕi shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Is'ra-ĕl be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the

Jĕz'rē-ĕl.

CHAPTER 2

SAY ye unto your brethren, Am'mi; and to your sisters, Ru-ha'mah

2 Plead with your mother, plead; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts:

3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a

dry land, and slay her with thirst.

4 And I will not have mercy upon her

whoredoms.

5 For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully; for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax. mine oil and my drink.

6 4 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy ways with thorns, and make a walf. that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers. but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared

for Ba'al.

9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

10 And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.

11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn

12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said. These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

13 And I will visit upon her the days of land: for great shall be the day of Ba'a-lim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she for me many days; thou shalt not play saith the LORD.

14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness,

and speak comfortably unto her. 15 And I will give her her vineyards

from thence, and the valley of A'chor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 And it shall be at that day, saith the latter days. LORD, that thou shalt call me Ish'i: and

shalt call me no more Bā'à-lī.

17 For I will take away the names of Bā'a-lim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their

18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever: yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies.

20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the

LORD.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day. I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth:

22 And the earth shall hear the corn. and the wine, and the oil; and they shall

hear Jez're-el.

23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall sav. Thou art my God.

CHAPTER 3

HEN said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, vet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Is'rā-ĕl, who look to other gods, and love flagons of wine.

2 So I bought her to me for fifteen bieces of silver, and for a homer of barley, and a half homer of barley:

3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide take away the heart.

went after her lovers, and forgot me, the harlot, and thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.

4 For the children of Is'ra-el shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an eph'od,

and without teraphim:

5 Afterward shall the children of Iş'rā-ĕl return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the

CHAPTER 4

LIEAR the word of the LORD, ye chil-L dren of Is'ra-el: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the

2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth

blood.

3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that

strive with the priest.

5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

6 ¶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge. I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

9 And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

10 For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine

12 I My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall com-

mit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall.

15 ¶ Though thou, Ĭş'rā-ĕl, play the harlot, vet let not Tudah offend: and come not ye unto Gil'găl, neither go ye up to Běth'-ā'věn, nor swear, The LORD

liveth.

16 For Is'rā-ĕl slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17 E'phra-im is joined to idols: let

him alone.

18 Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers

with shame do love, Give ye.

19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAPTER 5

TEAR ye this, O priests; and heark-L. en, ye house of Iş'rā-ĕl; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Miz'päh, and a net spread upon Tā'bor.

2 And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a

rebuker of them all.

3 I know E'phrā-im, and Is'rā-ĕl is not hid from me: for now, O E'phra-im, thou committest whoredom, and Is'ra-el is defiled.

4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.

5 And the pride of Is'ra-ël doth testify also shall fall with them.

6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.

7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD; for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month de-

your them with their portions.

8 Blow ye the cornet in Gib'e-ah, and the trumpet in Ra'mah: cry aloud at Běth'-ā'věn, after thee, O Benjamin.

9 E'phrā-im shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Is'rā-ĕl have I made known that which

shall surely be.

10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water

11 E'phrā-im is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

12 Therefore will I be unto E'phrā-im as a moth, and to the house of Judah as

rottenness.

13 When E'phrā-im saw his sickness, and Tudah saw his wound, then went E'phra-im to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jā'rěb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

14 For I will be unto E'phrā-im as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away: I will take away, and none shall rescue

him.

15 I will go and return to my place. till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

CHAPTER 6

NOME, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we

shall live in his sight.

3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

4 🏻 O E'phrā-im, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto to his face; therefore shall Iş'rā-ĕl and thee? for your goodness is as a morning Ephra-im fall in their iniquity; Judah cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

5 Therefore have I hewed them by the gray hairs are here and there upon prophets; I have slain them by the words him, yet he knoweth not. of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.

fice; and the knowledge of God more this.

than burnt offerings.

the covenant: there have they dealt they go to Assyria. treacherously against me.

iniquity, and is polluted with blood.

9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder heard. in the way by consent: for they commit lewdness.

house of Iş'rā-ĕl: there is the whoredom of E'phra-im, İş'ra-ĕl is defiled.

11 Also, O Judah, he hath set a harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.

CHAPTER 7

WHEN I would have healed Iş-rā-ĕl, then the iniquity of E'phrāim was discovered, and the wickedness of Sa-ma'ri-a: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.

2 And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: their derision in the land of Egypt. now their own doings have beset them about: they are before my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

heated by the baker, who ceaseth from passed against my law. raising after he hath kneaded the

dough, until it be leavened. 5 In the day of our king, the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine: he stretched out his hand with

scorners.

6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait: their they made them idols, that they may be baker sleepeth all the night; in the cut off. morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

devoured their judges; all their kings them: how long will it be ere they attain are fallen: there is none among them to innocency? that calleth unto me.

among the people; E'phra-im is a cake God: but the calf of Sa-ma'ri-a shall be

not turned.

strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no

10 And the pride of Iş'rā-ĕl testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the 6 For I desired mercy, and not sacri- LORD their God, nor seek him for all

11 ¶ E'phrā-im also is like a silly 7 But they like men have transgressed dove without heart; they call to Egypt.

12 When they shall go, I will spread my 8 Gil'e-ad is a city of them that work net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath

13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! be-10 I have seen a horrible thing in the cause they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet

they have spoken lies against me. 14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against

15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine

mischief against me.

16 They return, but not to the Most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue; this shall be

CHAPTER 8

SET the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have 4 They are all adulterers, as an oven transgressed my covenant, and tres-2 Is'rā-ĕl shall crv unto me. My God.

we know thee.

3 Is ra-el hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew

it not: of their silver and their gold have

5 ¶ Thy calf, O Sá-mā'rī-a, hath cast 7 They are all hot as an oven, and have thee off; mine anger is kindled against

6 For from Is'ra-el was it also: the 8 E'phrā-im, he hath mixed himself workman made it; therefore it is not broken in pieces.

Strangers have devoured his 7 For they have sown the wind, and

stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so days of recompense are come; Is ra-i be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it

8 Is'rā-ĕl is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gen'tiles as a vessel

wherein is no pleasure.

9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: E'phrā-im hath hired lovers.

10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden

of the king of princes. 11 Because E phrā-im hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him

12 I have written to him the great rated themselves unto that shame; and things of my law, but they were counted

as a strange thing.

13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit tion. their sins: they shall return to Egypt.

14 For Is'ra-el hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Tudah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

CHAPTER 9

DEJOICE not, O Îş'rā-ĕl, for joy, as K other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor.

2 The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail

3 They shall not dwell in the LORD's land; but E'phrā-im shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things

in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine offerings to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.

5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD?

6 For, lo, they are gone because of destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: the pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns shall be in their tabernacles.

shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred

8 The watchman of E'phra-im tone with my God: but the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in

the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted them. selves, as in the days of Gib'e-ah: there fore he will remember their iniquity, he

will visit their sins. 10 I found Is'ra-ĕl like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Ba'al-pe'or, and sepatheir abominations were according as they loved.

II As for E'phra-im, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the concep-

12 Though they bring up their children. vet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!

13 E'phrā-im, as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place: but E'phrāim shall bring forth his children to the

murderer.

14 Give them. O LORD: what wilt then give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness is in Gil'gal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: all their princes are revolters.

16 E'phrā-im is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb.

17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

CHAPTER 10

TS'RA-EL is an empty vine. he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

2 Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down 7 The days of visitation are come, the their altars, he shall spoil their images.

3 For now they shall say, We have no king, because we feared not the LORD: what then should a king do to us?

4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in

the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Sá-mā'rĭ-a shall fear because of the calves of Beth'ā'věn: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof that rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof. because it is departed from it.

for a present to king Ja'reb: E'phra-im shall receive shame, and Iş'rā-ĕl shall

be ashamed of his own counsel.

as the foam upon the water.

8 The high places also of A'ven, the sin of Is'rā-ĕl, shall be destroyed: the thorn altars: and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills. Fall

9 O Iş'rā-ĕl, thou hast sinned from the days of Gib'e-ah: there they stood: the battle in Gib'e-ah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 It is in my desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be bind themselves in their two furrows. kindled together.

11 And E'phrā-im is as a heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make E'phrā-im to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.

12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness. reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon west.

you. 13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in houses, saith the LORD. thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shal'man spoiled Beth'-ar'bel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.

of your great wickedness: in a morn- they do make a covenant with the Assyring shall the king of Iş'rā-ĕl utterly be ians, and oil is carried into Egypt.

cut off.

CHAPTER 11

7HEN Îs'rā-ĕl was a child, then I V loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Ba'alim, and burned incense to graven

images,

3 I taught E'phrā-im also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with 6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

5 ¶ He shall not return into the land 7 As for Sa-ma'ri-a, her king is cut off of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and the thistle shall come up on their and devour them, because of their own counsels.

> 7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the Most High, none at all would

exalt him.

8 How shall I give thee up, E'phrā-im? how shall I deliver thee, Iş'rā-ĕl? how shall I make thee as Ad'mah? how shall I set thee as Zē-bō'im? mine heart is gathered against them, when they shall turned within me, my repentings are

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy E'phrā-im: for I am God, and not man: the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I

will not enter into the city.

10 They shall walk after the LORD: he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar. then the children shall tremble from the

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their

12 E phra-im compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Iş'rā-ĕl with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.

CHAPTER 12

'PHRA-IM feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he 15 So shall Beth-el do unto you because daily increaseth lies and desolation; and

2 The LORD hath also a controversy

with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

3 If He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had

power with God:

4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Beth-el, and there he spake with us;

5 Even the LORD God of hosts; the

LORD is his memorial.

6 Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

7 ¶ He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand; he loveth to oppress.

8 And E'phrā-im said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labors they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.

9 And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of

the solemn feast.

10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

11 Is there iniquity in Gil'ē-ăd? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in Gil'gal; yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 And Jacob fied into the country of Syria, and Is'ra-ĕl served for a wife, and

for a wife he kept sheeb.

13 And by a prophet the LORD brought Is'ra-ĕl out of Egypt, and by a prophet

was he preserved.

14 E'phrā-im provoked him to anger most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his blood upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

CHAPTER 13

WHEN E'phrā-im spake trembling, he exalted himself in Iş'rā-ĕl; but when he offended in Bā'āl, he died. 2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, and idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. 3 Therefore they shall be as the morn-thine iniquity.

passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour be-

side me. 5 I did know thee in the wilderness.

in the land of great drought.

6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me.

7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I

observe them:

8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them.

9 ¶ O Iş'rā-ĕl, thou hast destroyed

thyself: but in me is thine help.

10 I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?

11 I gave thee a king in mine anger. and took him away in my wrath.

12 The iniquity of E'phra-im is bound

up; his sin is hid.

13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; for he should not stay long in the blace of the breaking forth of children.

14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15 ¶ Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall be-come dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

16 Sà-mā'rĭ-à shall become desolate: for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

CHAPTER 14

IS'RA-EL, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by

ing cloud, and as the early dew that 2 Take with you words, and turn to the

LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniq- beauty shall be as the olive tree. and his uity, and receive us graciously: so will smell as Lebanon. we render the calves of our lips.

ride upon horses: neither will we sav are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is

turned away from him.

shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

7 They that dwell under his shadow 3 Assh'ur shall not save us; we will not shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent any more to the work of our hands, Ye thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.

8 E'phra-im shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard him, and observed him: I am like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found.

9 Who is wise, and he shall understand 5 I will be as the dew unto Iş'rā-ĕl: he these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: 6 His branches shall spread, and his but the transgressors shall fall therein.

IOEL

CHAPTER 1

THE word of the LORD that came to Toel the son of Pē-thū'ěl.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your

mouth.

6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

7 He hath laid my vine waste, and harked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

8 C Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth, 9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn.

10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat thee: for the rivers of waters are dried

and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is deed up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree. the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

14 C Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the

LORD,

15 Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the

house of our God?

17 The seed is rotten under their clods. the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture: yea, the flocks of sheep

are made desolate.

19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field cry also unto

and shall water the valley of Shit'tim. 19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and E'dom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwellblood in their land.

20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to genera-

21 For I will cleanse their blood that eth in Zion.

AMOS

CHAPTER 1

THE words of Amos, who was among I the herdmen of Te-ko'a, which he saw concerning Is'rā-ĕl in the days of Uz-zī'āh king of Judah, and in the days of Jer'o-bo'am the son of Jo'ash king of Iş'rā-ĕi, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said. The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Car-

měl shall wither.

3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gil ē-ad with threshing instruments of iron: 4 But I will send a fire into the house

palaces of Ben'-ha'dad.

5 I will break also the bar of Damascus. and cut off the inhabitant from the plain of A'ven, and him that holdeth the thereof, with shouting in the day of sceptre from the house of E'den; and battle, with a tempest in the day of the the people of Syria shall go into cap- whirlwind: tivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.

6 Thus saith the LORD; For three tivity, he a transgressions of Ga'za, and for four, I the LORD. will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole captivity, to deliver them

up to E'dom:

thereof:

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ash'kē-lon, and I will turn oth: and Mō'ab shall die with tumult, mine hand against Ek'ron: and the rem- with shouting, and with the sound of nant of the Phi-lis'tines shall perish, saith the Lord Gop.

9 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment LORD. thereof; because they delivered up the 4 Thus saith the LORD; For three

whole captivity to E'dom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant:

10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces

thereof.

11 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of E'dom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

12 But I will send a fire upon Tel man, which shall devour the palaces of

Bŏz'rah.

13 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Haz'a-ël, which shall devour the of Gil'e-ad, that they might enlarge their border:

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Răb'bàh, and it shall devour the palaces

15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith

CHAPTER 2

THUS saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Mo'ab, and for 7 But I will send a fire on the wall of four, I will not turn away the punish-Ga'za, which shall devour the palaces ment thereof; because he burned the bones of the king of E'dom into lime:

2 But I will send a fire upon Mō'ăb. and it shall devour the palaces of Kir'i-oth: and Mo'ab shall die with tumult, the trumpet:

3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slav all the princes thereof with him, saith the

transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 C Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Iş'rā-ĕl, and for four. I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of take up a snare from the earth, and shoes:

7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to

profane my holy name:

8 And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned

in the house of their god.

9 4 Yet destroyed I the Am'o-rite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of

the Am'o-rite.

11 And I raised up of your sons for robbery in their palaces. prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ve An adversary there shall be even round children of Iş'rā-ĕl? saith the LORD.

12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to thy strength from thee, and thy palaces drink; and commanded the prophets, shall be spoiled.

saying, Prophesy not.

13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves. from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself:

15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow: and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.

16 And he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that the horns of the altar shall be cut off,

day, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 3

hath spoken against you, O chil- houses shall have an end, saith the dren of Iş'ra-ĕl, against the whole family LORD.

which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

3 Can two walk together, except they

be agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?

5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him? shall one

have taken nothing at all?

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city. and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?

7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing. but he revealeth his secret unto his

servants the prophets.

8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord Gop hath spoken, who

can but prophesy?

9

¶ Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Sa-ma'ri-a, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof. and the oppressed in the midst thereof.

10 For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GoD; about the land; and he shall bring down

12 Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall 14 Therefore the flight shall perish the children of Is'ra-el be taken out that dwell in Sa-mā'rī-a in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.

13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Tacob, saith the Lord Gop, the God of

hosts.

14 That, in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Is'ra-ĕl upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el: and and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses FEAR this word that the LORD of ivory shall perish, and the great

CHAPTER 4

HEAR this word, ye kine of Bā'shān, that are in the mountain of Sāmā'rī-a, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2 The Lord God hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with

fishhooks.

3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and ye shall cast them into the palace, saith the LORD.

4 ¶ Come to Beth-el, and transgress; at Gi'găl multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:

5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings; for this liketh you, O ye children of Igra-el, saith the Lord

GoD.

6 ¶ And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city; one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned

unto me, saith the LORD.

9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt; your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to

I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Söd'om and Gō-mor'rah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O İş'rā-ĕl: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O

Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.

CHAPTER 5

HEAR ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Iş'rā-ĕļ.

2 The virgin of Iş'rā-ĕl is fallen; she shall no more rise; she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up.

3 For thus saith the Lord God; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave a hundred, and that which went forth by a hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Is'rā-čl.

4 ¶ For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Is'rā-ĕl. Seek ve me, and ve

shall live:

5 But seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gil'găl, and pass not to Bē'ēr-shē'bā: for Gil'găl shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought.

6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be

none to quench it in Beth-el.

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, 8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and O-ri'on, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled

shall come against the fortress.

10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh

uprightly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye takefrom him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; yehaveplantedpleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil

time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have

spoken. 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may he that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith

the LORD.

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house. and leaned his hand on the wall, and a

serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark,

and no brightness in it?

21 ¶ I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn remain ten men in one house, that they assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept up, and he that burneth him, to bring them: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the

melody of thy viols.

24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

25 Have ve offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty

years, O house of Iş'rā-ĕl?

vourselves. captivity beyond Damascus, saith the to us horns by our own strength?

CHAPTER 6

WOE to them that are at ease in Zion, and truet in 1 Zion, and trust in the mountain of Sa-ma'ri-a, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of

Iş'rā-ĕl came!

2 Pass ye unto Căl'něh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hā'māth the great: then go down to Gath of the Phi-liss tines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near:

4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall: 5 That chant to the sound of the viol. and invent to themselves instruments of music, like David:

6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction

of Joseph.

7 I Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8 The Lord God hath sworn by himself. saith the LORD the God of hosts. I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.

9 And it shall come to pass, if there

shall die.

10 And a man's uncle shall take him out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.

11 For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with

clefts.

12 ¶ Shall horses run upon the rock? 26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of will one plow there with oxen? for ye your Mo'loch and Chi'un your images, have turned judgment into gall, and the the star of your god, which ye made to fruit of righteousness into hemlock:

13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into nought, which say, Have we not taken

LORD, whose name is The God of hosts. 14 But, behold, I will raise up against

you a nation, O house of Iş'rā-ĕI, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hā'māth unto the river of the wilderness.

CHAPTER 7

HUS hath the Lord Gop showed unto me; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

2 And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: by whom shall

Tacob arise? for he is small. 3 The LORD repented for this: It shall

not be, saith the LORD.

4 C Thus hath the Lord Gop showed unto me: and, behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

5 Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob

arise? for he is small

6 The LORD repented for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord Gop.

7 Thus he showed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me. Amos. what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Is'rā-ĕl: I will not again pass by them any more:

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Is'ra-ël shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jer'o-bo'am with

the sword.

10 ¶ Then Am'a-zī'ah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jer'o-bo'am king of Iş'rā-ĕl, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Is'ra-el: the land is not able to bear all his words

11 For thus Amos saith, Jer'o-bo'am shall die by the sword, and Is'rā-ĕl shall surely be led away captive out

of their own land.

12 Also Am'a-zī'āh said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:

13 But prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the king's chapel

and it is the king's court.

14 I Then answered Amos, and said to Am'a-zī'ah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herd. man, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit-15 And the LORD took me as I followed

the flock, and the LORD said unto me Go, prophesy unto my people Is ra-el.

16 W Now therefore hear thou the

word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Proph. esy not against Is'ra-el, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line: and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Is'ra-el shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

CHAPTER 8

THUS hath the Lord Gop showed unto me; and behold a basket of

summer fruit.

2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said. A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me. The end is come upon my people of Iş'rā-ĕl; I will not again pass by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God; there shall be many dead bodies in every place: they shall cast them forth with silence.

4 Thear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the

land to fail.

5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the e'phah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea. and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never for-

get any of their works,

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the darken the earth in the clear day:

10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 @ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words

of the LORD:

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and

young men faint for thirst.

14 They that swear by the sin of Samā'rī-a, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Be'er-she'ba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

CHAPTER 9

SAW the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring

them down:

3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Car'mel, I will search and him that soweth seed; and the mountake them out thence; and though they tains shall drop sweet wine, and all the he hid from my sight in the bottom of the hills shall melt. sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

mand the sword, and it shall slay them:

evil, and not for good.

all that dwell therein shall mourn: and them, saith the LORD thy God.

sun to go down at noon, and I will it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of

6 It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.

7 Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Iş'rā-ĕl? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Is'ra-el out of the land of Egypt? and the Phi-lis'tines from Caph'tor, and the

Syrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord Gop are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth: saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Iş'rā-ĕl among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve. yet shall not the least grain fall upon the

earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 That they may possess the remnant of E'dom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD

that doeth this.

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes

14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Iş'rā-ĕl, and they shall 4 And though they go into captivity build the waste cities, and inhabit them; before their enemies, thence will I com- and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also and I will set mine eyes upon them for make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them upon their 5 And the Lord God of hosts is he that land, and they shall no more be pulled toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and up out of their land which I have given

OBADIAH

E'dom: We have heard a rumor from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly

despised.

3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high: that saith in his heart. Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring

thee down, saith the LORD.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grape gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?

6 How are the things of E'sau searched out! how are his hidden things sought up! 7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him.

8 Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise men out of E'dom, and understanding out of the

mount of E'sau?

9 And thy mighty men. O Te'man. shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of E'sau may be cut off by slaughter.

10 G For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee. and thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest LORD's.

HE vision of O'ha-di'ah. Thus thou have rejoiced over the children of saith the Lord God concerning Judah in the day of their destruction Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity

14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest than have delivered up those of his that did

remain in the day of distress.

15 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

16 For as ve have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually; yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17 I But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness: and the house of Jacob shall possess

their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame. and the house of E'sau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of E'sau: for the LORD hath spoken it.

19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of E'sau; and they of the plain, the Phi-lis'tines: and they shall possess the fields of E'phrā-īm, and the fields of Sa-mā'rī-a: and Benjamin shall

possess Gil'ē-ād.

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Is'ra-el shall bossess that of the Ca'naan-ites, even unto Zar'e-phath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sē-phā'rad, shall possess the cities of the south.

21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of E'sau; and the kingdom shall be the

JONAH

CHAPTER 1

unto Jonah the son of A-mit'tai. saying.

city, and cry against it; for their wicked-

ness is come up before me.

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tär! shish from the presence of the LORD. and went down to Jop'pa; and he found a ship going to Tär'shish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tär'shish from the presence of the LORD.

wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the

ship was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Tonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him. What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so he that God will think upon us, that we

perish not.

7 And they said every one to his fellow. Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Tonah.

8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us: What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?

9 And he said unto them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and

the dry land.

10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 I Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may he calm unto us? for the sea wrought.

and was tempestuous.

12 And he said unto them, Take me

up, and cast me forth into the sea: so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I TOW the word of the LORD came know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard 2 Arise, go to Nin'e-veh, that great to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was

tempestuous against them.

14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast 4 @ But the LORD sent out a great him forth into the sea: and the sea

ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto

the LORD, and made yows.

17 W Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And onah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAPTER 2

HEN Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I. and thou heardest my voice.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep. in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy

holy temple.

5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains: the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that observe lying vanities for-

sake their own mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the

voice of thanksgiving: I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

10 T And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

CHAPTER 3

AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nin'ē-vēh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching

that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nin'ē-veh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'e-veh was an exceeding great city of three days' iourney.

4 And Tonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nin'e-veh

shall be overthrown.

5 I So the people of Nin'e-veh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nin'ē-věh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and

sat in ashes.

7 And he caused if to be proclaimed and published through Nin'e-veh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying. Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that

is in their hands.

9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce

anger, that we perish not?

10 M And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

CHAPTER 4

BUT it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my coun. try? Therefore I fled before unto Tar shish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

4 II Then said the LORD, Doest thou

well to be angry?

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over onah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Tonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote

the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou 8 But let man and beast be covered well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto

death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and

perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nin'ē-věh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

MICAH

CHAPTER 1

THE word of the LORD that came to Mī'cah the Mō-ras'thīte in the days of Jo'tham, Ahaz, and Hez'e-ki'ah. kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Sa-mā'rī-à and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness against you. the Lord from his holy temple.

3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and

tread upon the high places of the earth. 4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft. as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Is'rā-ĕl. What is the transgression of Tacob? is it not Sa-ma'ri-a? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Terusalem?

6 Therefore I will make Sa-ma'rī-a as a heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of a harlot, and they shall return to the hire of a harlot.

8 Therefore I will wail and howl. I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning

as the owls.

9 For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

10 I Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of Aph'rah

roll thyself in the dust.

11 Pass ve away, thou inhabitant of Sā'phīr, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of Zā'a-năn came not forth in the mourning of Beth'-e'zel; he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Mar'oth waited carefully for good; but evil came garment from them that pass by securely down from the LORD unto the gate of as men averse from war.

Terusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of La'chish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Is'ra-ël were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to Mo'resh-eth-gath': the houses of Ach'zib shall be a lie to the kings of

Īs'rā-ĕl.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee. O inhabitant of Ma-re'shah; he shall come unto A-dul'lam the glory of Is'ra-ël.

16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

CHAPTER 2

70E to them that devise iniquity. V and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haugh-

tily: for this time is evil.

4 In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congrega-

tion of the LORD.

6 Prophesy ve not, say they to them that prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not take shame.

7 CO thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the LORD straitened? are these his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?

8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the

9 The women of my people have ye

cast out from their pleasant houses; and the diviners confounded: yea, they from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruc-

11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this

people.

12 T will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Is'rā-ĕl; I will put them together as the sheep of Boz'rah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem passed through the gate, and are gone out by it; and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of

them.

CHAPTER 3

AND I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads (1) of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Is'ra-el; Is it not for you to know judgment?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their

bones:

3 Who also eat the flesh of my people. and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD. but he will not hear them; he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in

their doings.

5 4 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace: and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him:

6 Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.

Then shall the seers be ashamed.

shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.

8 @ But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Iş'rā-ĕl his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Iş'ra-el, that abhor judgment

and pervert all equity. 10 They build up Zion with blood, and

Jerusalem with iniquity.

11 The heads thereof judge for reward. and the priests thereof teach for hire. and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, Is not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the

forest.

CHAPTER 4

DUT in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Tacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted:

remnant, and her that was cast far off a unto the ends of the earth. strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

8 Of And thou, O tower of the flock. the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion: the kingdom shall come to

the daughter of Terusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counselor perished? for pangs have taken

thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth. O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon: there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 C Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon

Zion.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the

sheaves into the floor.

1.13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAPTER 5

NOW gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Is'rā-ĕl with a rod upon the

cheek.

2 But thou, Beth-lehem Eph'ra-täh, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in anger and fury upon the heathen, such Is'rā-ĕl; whose goings forth have been as they have not heard. from of old, from everlasting.

3 Therefore will he give them up, until

of Iş'rā-ĕl.

4 (And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of controversy, and ye strong foundations

7 And I will make her that halted a shall abide; for now shall he be great

5 And this man shall be the peace. when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal

6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

7 And the remnant of Tacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor

waiteth for the sons of men.

8 C And the remnant of Tacob shall be among the Gen'tiles in the midst of many people, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies

shall be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong-

holds:

12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsavers:

13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy

cities.

15 And I will execute vengeance in

CHAPTER 6

the time that she which travaileth hath HEAR ye now what the LORD saith; brought forth: then the remnant of his HArise, contend thou before the brethren shall return unto the children mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD's the name of the LORD his God; and they of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Is'ra-ël.

3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before

thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people, remember now what Bā'lāk king of Mô'āb consulted, and what Ba'laam the son of Be'or answered him from Shīt'tīm unto Gīl'gāl; that ye may know the righteousness of the

LORD.
6 ¶ Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year

old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my

body for the sin of my soul?

is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9 The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath bosom.

appointed it.

10 Q Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked. and the scant measure that is abominable?

11 Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of

deceitful weights?

12 For the rich men thereof are full of yiolence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 Therefore also will I make thee sick in smiting thee, in making thee desolate

because of thy sins.

14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied: and thy casting down shall be in the midst of thee; and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and that which sword.

15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and of the streets. sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine...

16 C For the statutes of Om'ri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels: that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

CHAPTER 7

WOE is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits. as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the first ripe fruit.

2 The good man is perished out of the earth; and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood: they hunt every man his brother with a net.

3 I That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

4 The best of them is as a brier: the 8 He hath showed thee, O man, what most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their

perplexity.

5 ¶ Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy

6 For the son dishonoreth the father. the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD: I will wait for the God of my salvation:

my God will hear me.

8 TRejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.

9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

10 Then she that is mine enemy shall thou deliverest will I give up to the see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire

11 In the day that thy walls are to be

The burden of Nineveh. The Lord revengeth

MICAH 7

built. in that day shall the decree be far their hand upon their mouth, their ears

removed.

12 In that day also he shall come even to thee from Assyria, and from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and from afraid of the LORD our God, and shall mountain to mountain.

13 Notwithstanding, the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 Teed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Car'měl: let them feed in Ba'shan and Gil'ē-ad, as in the days of old.

15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto

him marvelous things.

16 The nations shall see and be con- thou hast sworn unto our fathers from founded at all their might: they shall lay the days of old.

shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be fear because of thee.

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which

NAHUM

CHAPTER 1

HE burden of Nin'e-veh. The book of the vision of Na'hum the Elkŏsh-ite.

2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is wrath for his enemies.

3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the wicked counselor. whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

Bā'shan languisheth, and Car'mel, and thee, I will afflict thee no more. the flower of Lebanon languisheth.

hills melt, and the earth is burned at his sunder. presence, yea, the world, and all that

dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fiercelike fire, and the rocks are thrown down thy grave; for thou art vile. by him.

that trust in him.

will make an utter end of the place thee; he is utterly cut off.

thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

9 What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

10 For while they be folden together as furious; the LORD will take vengeance thorns, and while they are drunken as on his adversaries, and he reserveth drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

11 There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a

12 Thus saith the LORD: Though theu be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus 4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh shall they be cut down, when he shall it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: pass through. Though I have afflicted

13 For now will I break his yoke from 5 The mountains quake at him, and the off thee, and will burst thy bonds in

14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven ness of his anger? his fury is poured out image and the molten image: I will make

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet 7 The LORD is good, a stronghold in of him that bringeth good tidings, that the day of trouble; and he knoweth them publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy hat trust in him. solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for 8 But with an overrunning flood he the wicked shall no more pass through

CHAPTER 2

TE that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thu loins strong, fortify thu power mightily.

2 For the LORD hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Is'ra-el: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets. they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

5 He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defense shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.

7 And Hŭz'zăb shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead *her* as with the voice of doves, taboring upon their breasts.

8 But Nin'ē-věh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand. stand, shall they cry: but none shall look

9 Take ve the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for there is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant

furniture.

10 She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.

11 Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?

12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey,

and his dens with ravin.

13 Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more mies: the fire shall devour thy bars. be heard.

CHAPTER 3

WOE to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prev departeth not:

2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of therattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favored harlot the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

5 Behold. I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set

thee as a gazingstock.

7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nin'ē-věh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

8 Art thou better than populous No. that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was

from the sea?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and

Lū'bīm were thy helpers.

10 Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

11 Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek

strength because of the enemy,

12 All thy strongholds shall be like fig trees with the first ripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine ene-

14 Draw thee waters for the siege, for-

brickkiln.

15 There shall the fire devour thee: the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts. 16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants

above the stars of heaven: the canker-

worm spoileth, and fleeth away.

17 Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, wickedness passed continually?

tify thy strongholds: go into clay, and which camp in the hedges in the cold tread the mortar, make strong the day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are.

18 Thy shepherds slumber. O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them.

19 There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy

HABAKKUK

CHAPTER 1

HE burden which Ha-bak'kuk the prophet did see.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and con-

tention.

4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

5 @ Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.

6 For. lo. I raise up the Chal-de'ans that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.

7 They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall pro-

ceed of themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen the nations? shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.

9 They shall come all for violence: their sand.

the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every stronghold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god.

12 ¶ Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have

no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and

their meat plenteous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay

CHAPTER 2

WILL stand upon my watch, and set I me upon the tower, and will watch faces shall sup up as the east wind, and to see what he will say unto me, and they shall gather the captivity as the what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and 10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain

The prayer of Habakkuk the prophet

upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live

by his faith.

5 ¶ Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with

thick clay!

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

9 ¶ Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and

hast sinned against thy soul.

11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 ¶ Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by

iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labor in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

themselves for very vanity?
14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as

the waters cover the sea.

15 ¶ Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the Lord's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy

glory.

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beats, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

18 ¶ What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth

therein, to make dumb idols?

19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

CHAPTER 3

A PRAYER of Hà-bāk'kŭk the prophet upon Shīg'i-ō'nŏth.

2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 God came from Te'man, and the Holy One from mount Pa'ran. Se'lah. His glory covered the heavens, and the

earth was full of his praise.

4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power. 5 Before him went the pestilence, and

burning coals went forth at his feet.

6 He stood, and measured the earth:
he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains
were scattered, the perpetual hills did
bow: his ways are everlasting

7 I saw the tents of Cū'shan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of

Mĭd'ī-ăn did tremble.

8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?

9 Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Se'lah. Thou didst cleave

the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw thee, and they

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passed by: the deep uttered his voice. and lifted up his hands on high.

thy glittering spear.

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the

heathen in anger.

13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked. by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Sē'lāh.

14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor-

secretly.

15 Thou didst walk through the sea stringed instruments.

trembled: the overflowing of the water with thine horses, through the heap of great waters.

16 When I heard, my belly trembled; 11 The sun and moon stood still in my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness their habitation: at the light of thine entered into my bones, and I trembled in arrows they went, and at the shining of myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines: the labor of the olive shall fail. and the fields shall vield no meat: the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will

iov in the God of my salvation.

19 The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my

ZEPHANIAH

CHAPTER 1

HE word of the LORD which came unto Zĕph'à-nī'àh the son of Cū' shi, the son of Ged'a-li'ah, the son of Am'a-rī'ah, the son of Hīz-kī'ah, in the days of Jo-si'ah the son of A'mon, king of Judah.

2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the LORD.

3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Tudah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Ba'al from this place, and the name of the Chem'a-rim with the priests;

5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Măl'chăm:

6 And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor inquired for him. 7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the

Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice. he hath bid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence

and deceit.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and a howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Măk'těsh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut

12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good. neither will he do evil.

13 Therefore, their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

14 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty of Ammon, whereby they have re-

man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness.

16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against

the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

CHAPTER 2

ATHER yourselves together, yea, J gather together, O nation not

desired;

2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you. before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you

3 Seek ve the LORD, all ve meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the

day of the LORD's anger.

4 ¶ For Gā'zā shall be forsaken, and Ash'kë-lön a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noonday, and Ek'ron

shall be rooted up.

5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Cher'e-thites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Ca'naan, the land of the Phi-lis'tines I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

6 And the seacoast shall be dwellings and cottages for shepherds, and folds

for flocks.

7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkë-lon shall they lie down in the evening: for the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.

proached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.

9 Therefore, as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Is'ra-el, Surely Mo'ab shall be as Sod'om, and the chil. dren of Ammon as Go-mor rah, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.

10 This shall they have for their pride. because they have reproached and mag. nified themselves against the people of

the LORD of hosts.

11 The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.

12 I Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be

slain by my sword.

13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria: and will make Nin'e-veh a desolation.

and dry like a wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it: their voice shall sing in the windows: desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work.

15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none besides me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his

hand.

CHAPTER 3

WOE to her that is filthy and pol-luted, to the oppressing city! 2 She obeyed not the voice; she re-

ceived not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5 The just LORD is in the midst there-8 4 I have heard the reproach of of; he will not do iniquity; every morn-Mo'ab, and the revilings of the children ing doth he bring his judgment to light, The Lord will save the people and turn their captivity

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he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man. that there is none inhabitant.

7 I said, Surely, thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and

corrupted all their doings.

8 C Therefore wait ve upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve

him with one consent.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

13 The remnant of Is'ra-el shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a 6 I have cut off the nations: their deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down. and none shall make them afraid.

14 ¶ Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout O Is'ra-el; be glad and rejoice with all the heart. O daughter of Terusalem.

15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the King of Iş'rā-ĕl, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem. Fear thou not: and to Zion. Let

not thine hands be slack.

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty: he will save, he will for all the earth shall be devoured with rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with

singing.
18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a

burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out: and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eves, saith the LORD.

HAGGAT

CHAPTER 1

'N the second year of Da-ri'us the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Hag'ga-i the prophet unto Zĕ-rub'ba-belthesonof Shē-al'ti-ĕl, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jos'e-dech, the high priest, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts. saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house

should be built.

3 Then came the word of the LORD by Hăg'gā-ī the prophet, saying,

4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in fied, saith the LORD.

your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.

6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ve drink, but we are not filled with drink: ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glori-

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9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed

from her fruit.

11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands.

12 II Then Zĕ-rub'ba-bĕl the son of Shë-al'ti-ël, and Joshua the son of Jos'ëdech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Hag ga-i the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

13 Then spake Hag'ga-i the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saving, I am with you, saith

the LORD.

14 And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zĕ-rŭb'bà-bĕl the son of Shē-ăl'tî-ĕl. governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jos'e-dech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts. their God.

15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of

Dà-ri' us the king.

CHAPTER 2

IN the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet

Hăg'gā-ī, saying,

2 Speak now to Zĕ-rub'ba-bĕl the son of Shē-al'ti-el, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jos'e-dech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,

3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in com-

parison of it as nothing

4 Yet now be strong, O Zĕ-rüb'bà-běl, saith the LORD; and be strong,

the land, saith the LORD, and work; for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: 5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my Spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and

the sea, and the dry land:

7 And I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is

mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Da-ri'us, came the word of the LORD by

Hăg'gā-i the prophet, saying, 11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law.

saying, 12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

13 Then said Hăg'gā-ī, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said. It shall be

unclean.

14 Then answered Hăg'gā-ī, and said. So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the tem-

ple of the LORD:

16 Since those days were, when one came to a heap of twenty measures. there were but ten: when one came to the pressvat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet ye turned not to me.

saith the LORD.

18 Consider now from this day and Joshua, son of Jos'e-deeh, the high upward, from the four and twentieth priest; and be strong, all ye people of day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the Lorn's temple was laid, consider it.

19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as vet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

20 And again the word of the LORD came unto Hag'ga-i in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

21 Speak to Zě-růb'bà-běl, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth:

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen: and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Ze-rub'ba-bel, my servant, the son of She-al'ti-el, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

ZECHARIAH

CHAPTER I

IN the eighth month, in the second year of Da-ri'us, came the word of the LORD unto Zěch'à-ri'àh, the son of Ber'e-chi'ah, the son of Id'do the are they whom the LORD hath sent to prophet, saving.

2 The LORD hath been sore displeased

with your fathers.

3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Turn ve unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Be ve not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Turn ve now from your evil ways, and from your evildoings; but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets. did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 C Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sĕ-bät, in the second year of Dà-rī'us, came the word of the LORD unto Zech'ari'ah, the son of Ber'e-chi'ah, the son of Id'do the prophet, saying,

8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.

9 Then said I, O my lord, what are shall yet choose Jerusalem.

these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these be.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees. and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts. how long wilt thou not have mercy on Terusalem and on the cities of Judah. against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?

13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words

and comfortable words.

14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Terusalem and for Zion with a great iealousy.

15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped

forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched upon Jerusalem.

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall vet comfort Zion, and 18 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and

saw, and behold four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, İş'rā-ĕl, and habitation. Jerusalem.

20 And the LORD showed me four

carpenters.

21 Then said I. What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gen'tiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Tudah to scatter it.

CHAPTER 2

LIFTED up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a

measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel

went out to meet him,

4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will

be the glory in the midst of her.

6 THo, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest

with the daughter of Babylon.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

10 ¶ Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of The visions of the angels, of Joshun

12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy

CHAPTER 3

AND he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked

out of the fire?

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel 4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying Take away the filthy garments from him And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee. and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD

stood by.

6 And the angel of the LORD protested

unto Joshua, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the

BRANCH.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ve call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.

CHAPTER 4

AND the angel that talked with me thee, and thou shalt know that the A came again, and waked me, as a LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. man that is wakened out of his sleep,

2 And said unto me. What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a thou? And I answered, I see a flying candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps. which are upon the top thereof:

the right side of the bowl, and the other

upon the left side thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me. Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No.

my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saving. This is the word of the LORD unto Ze-rub'ba-bel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Ze-rub'ba-bel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, cru-

ing, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD

came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Ze-rub'ba-bel have laid the foundation of this house: his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zě-růb'bå-běl with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 Then answered I, and said unto him. What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and

upon the left side thereof?

him, What be these two olive branches, which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? 13 And he answered me and said,

Knowest thou not what these be? And

I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two of the whole earth.

CHAPTER 5

HEN I turned, and lifted up mine fiving roll.

2 And he said unto me, What seest and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

3 Then said he unto me. This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of 3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side

according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house. and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this

that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an e'phah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the e'phah.

8 And he said. This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the e'phah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the

mouth thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the e'phah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me. Whither do these bear the

ē'phāh?

Il And he said unto me, To build it a 12 And I answered again, and said unto house in the land of Shi'nar; and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base,

CHAPTER 6

ND I turned, and lifted up mine 1 eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from beanointed ones, that stand by the Lord tween two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot were red horses: and in the second chariot black horses; 3 And in the third chariot white horses: Leyes, and looked, and behold a and in the fourth chariot grizzled and bay horses.

4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me. What are these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grizzled go forth toward the south country

7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth; and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted

my spirit in the north country. 9 G And the word of the LORD came

unto me, saying,

10 Take of them of the captivity. even of Hěl'dā-ī, of Tō-bī'jah, and of Jēda'iah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Jo-si'ah the son of Zĕph'à-nī'àh:

11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of thereof round about her, when men in-Joshua the son of Jos'e-dech, the high

priest:

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall

be between them both.

14 And the crowns shall be to He'lem. and to To-bi'jah, and to Je-da'iah, and to Hen the son of Zeph'a-ni'ah, for a memorial in the temple of the

LORD.

15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 7

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of king Da-ri'us, that the word of the LORD came unto Zech'à-ri'ah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in €hĭs'leū:

2 When they had sent unto the house of God She-re'zer and Re'gem-me'lech. and their men, to pray before the LORD.

3 And to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the LORD of hosts. and to the prophets, saying, Should f weep in the fifth month, separating my. self, as I have done these so many vears?

4 C Then came the word of the Lorn

of hosts unto me, saying,

5 Speak unto all the people of the land. and to the priests, saying, When ve fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me. even to me?

6 And when ve did eat, and when ve did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves.

and drink for yourselves?

7 Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities habited the south and the plain?

8 C And the word of the LORD came

unto Zech'a-ri'ah, saying,

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts. saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

10 And oppress not the widow, nor the 13 Even he shall build the temple of fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against

his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lorn of hosts hath sent in his Spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

13 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear: so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they

knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned; for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

CHAPTER 8

AGAIN the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I was iealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called A city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts. The holy mountain.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: There shall vet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the hosts came unto me, saying, streets thereof.

19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country:

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Terusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one

against his neighbor. 11 But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days,

saith the LORD of hosts.

12 For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the cause the remnant of this people to pos- LORD. sess all these things.

13 And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Iş'rā-ĕl; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:

15 So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to

the house of Judah: fear ye not.

16 I These are the things that ve shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 ¶ And the word of the Lorp of

fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts: therefore love the truth and peace.

20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of

many cities:

21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before

the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.

CHAPTER 9

THE burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hā'draeh, and Damascus shall be the rest thereof: ground shall give her increase, and the when the eyes of man, as of all the heavens shall give their dew; and I will tribes of Ig'rā-ĕl, shall be toward the

2 And Hā'māth also shall border there-

by: Tỹ'rữs, and Zĩ'dŏn, though it be very wise.

3 And Tv'rus did build herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out. and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

5 Ash'kē-lön shall see it, and fear; Gā'zā also shall see it, and be very sorrowful, and Ek'ron; for her expectation shall be ashamed; and the king shall perish from Gā'zā, and Āsh'kē-lön shall not be inhabited.

6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the the maids.

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7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, shall be for our God, and he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ek'ron as a Jeb'u-site.

8 And I will encamp about mine house because of the army, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I

seen with mine eyes.

9 T Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from E'phrā-im, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even, which tread down their enemies in the to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

12 ¶ Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto

13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephra-im, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall heart shall rejoice in the LORD.

blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and sub due with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowk and as the corners of the altar.

16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his peo. ple: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his

land.

17 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine

CHAPTER 10

SK ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there

was no shepherd.

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

4 Out of him came forth the corner. out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor to-

gether.

5 ¶ And they shall be as mighty men, mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.

7 And they of E'phrā-im shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; rest eat every one the flesh of another. for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their

children, and turn again.

10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out LORD. of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gil'ē-ăd and Lebanon; and place

shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria of Egypt shall depart away.

12 And I will strengthen them in the

in his name, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 11

PEN thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl O ye oaks of Ba'shan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for their claws in pieces. the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

the flock of the slaughter:

5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am rich: and their own shepherds

pity them not.

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor's hand, and into the hand of the spirit of man within him. his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.

7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you. O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands;

and I fed the flock.

8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one

their soul also abhorred me.

9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to smite every horse with astonishment, be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the and his rider with madness; and I will

10 M And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty bieces of silver.

13 And the LORD said unto me. Cast it

unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the shall be brought down, and the sceptre thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD. 14 Then I cut asunder mine other

LORD; and they shall walk up and down staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Īs'rā-ĕl.

15 W And the LORD said unto me. Take unto thee yet the instruments of a

foolish shepherd.

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken. 3 There is a voice of the howling of nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear

17 Woe to the idol shepherd that 4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

CHAPTER 12

HE burden of the word of the LORD for Is ra-el, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jeru-

salem.

3 Of And in that day will I make Terusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the month; and my soul loathed them, and people of the earth be gathered together against it.

4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will

open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Terusalem shall be my strength in the

LORD of hosts their God.

6 ¶ In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Terusalem.

7 The LORD also shall save the fents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not mag-

nify themselves against Iudah.

8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Terusalem: and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

9 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Ha'dad-rim'mon in the valley of

Mē-gid'don.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the LORD is my God. family of the house of Nathan apart. and their wives apart:

13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shim'ē-ī apart, and their wives apart; 14 All the families that remain, every

family apart, and their wives apart.

CHAPTER 13

IN that day there shall be a fountain the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and cut off from the city. for uncleanness.

2 (And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be rememhered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the

3 And it shall come to pass, that when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him. Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the Lorn: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth.

4 And it shall come to pass in that day. that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a

rough garment to deceive:

5 But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am a husbandman; for man taught me

to keep cattle from my youth.

6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

7 ¶ Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand

upon the little ones. 8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the

third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The

CHAPTER 14

DEHOLD, the day of the LORD Cometh, and thy spoil shall be

divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and opened to the house of David and to the residue of the people shall not be

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and

fight against those nations, as when he holes, and their tongue shall consume

fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is day, that a great tumult from the LORD before Jerusalem on the east, and the shall be among them: and they shall mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ve shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto A'zăl: yea; ye the earthquake in the days of Uz-zi'ah king of Judah; and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

day, that the light shall not be clear.

nor dark:

be known to the LORD, not day, nor keep the feast of tabernacles. night: but it shall come to pass, that at

evening time it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Terusalem: half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

LORD, and his name one.

10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Ge'bà to Rim'mon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's tions that come not up to keep the feast gate unto the place of the first gate, of tabernacles. unto the corner gate, and from the winepresses.

11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but bowls before the altar. Terusalem shall be safely inhabited.

12 I And this shall be the plague their eves shall consume away in their the LORD of hosts.

away in their mouth.

13 And it shall come to pass in that lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

14 And Tudah also shall fight at Terusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together. gold, and silver, and apparel, in great

abundance.

15 And so shall be the plague of the shall flee, like as ye fled from before horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague. 16 And it shall come to pass, that 6 And it shall come to pass in that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even go up from year to year to worship 7 But it shall be one day which shall the King, the LORD of hosts, and to

> 17 And it shall be, that whose will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them

shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain: 9 And the LORD shall be King over all there shall be the plague, wherewith the earth; in that day shall there be one the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

> 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all na-

20 In that day shall there be upon tower of Ha-nan'e-el unto the king's the bells of the horses, HOLINESS. UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Tudah shall be holiness unto the LORD wherewith the LORD will smite all the of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall people that have fought against Jeru- come and take of them, and seethe salem; Their flesh shall consume away therein; and in that day there shall be while they stand upon their feet, and no more the Ca'naan-ite in the house of

MALACHI

CHAPTER 1

HE burden of the word of the LORD to Ĭs'rā-ĕl by Măl'à-chī.

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not E'sau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

3 And I hated E'sau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for

the dragons of the wilderness.

4 Whereas E'dom saith. We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them. The border of wickedness, and. The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from

the border of Is'ra-ël.

6 C A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice. is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you. saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For, from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gen' tiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among temptible and base before all the people,

the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. 12 Q But ye have profaned it, in that

ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his

meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it. saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

14 But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dread-

ful among the heathen.

CHAPTER 2

AND now, O ye priests, this com-mandment is for you.

2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one

shall take you away with it

4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and

was afraid before my name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messen-

ger of the LORD of hosts.

8 But we are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 Therefore have I also made you con-

according as ye have not kept my ways. but have been partial in the law.

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

11 C Tudah hath dealt treacherously. and an abomination is committed in Īs'rā-ĕl and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar. out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the

LORD of hosts.

13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears. with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with consumed good will at your hand.

14 ¶ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife said, Wherein shall we return?

of thy covenant.

15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the Spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For the LORD, the God of Is'ra-ël. saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment. saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not

treacherously.

17 ¶ Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

CHAPTER 3

DEHOLD. I will send my messenger, D and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ve delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his hosts?

coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire. and like fullers' soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers. and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me. saith the LORD of hosts.

6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ve sons of Tacob are not

7 W Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ve

8 ¶ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

13 I Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against

14 Ye have said. It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of

15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set eth shall burn them up, saith the LORD up; yea, they that tempt God are even of hosts, that it shall leave them neither delivered.

16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD. and that thought upon his name.

17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them. as a man spareth his own son that

serveth him. 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked. between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

CHAPTER 4

shall be stubble: and the day that comroot nor branch.

2 ¶ But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked: for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 T Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Hō'rĕb for all Iş'rā-ĕl, with the statutes and judgments.

5 @ Behold, I will send you E-li'jah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the OR, behold, the day cometh, that fathers to the children, and the heart I shall burn as an oven; and all the of the children to their fathers, lest I proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, come and smite the earth with a curse

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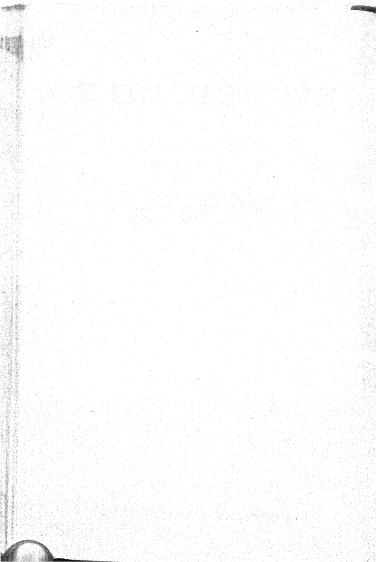
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NEW TESTAMENT

OF

OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK
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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

ST. MATTHEW

CHAPTER 1

HE book of the generation of Tesus . Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac: and Isaac hegat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;

3 And Judas begat Phā'rēş and Zā'rà of Tha'mar; and Pha'res begat Es'rom: and Es'rom begat A'ram; 4 And A'ram begat A-min'a-dab; and

À-mĭn'à-dăb begat Nā-ăs'sŏn; and Nāăs'sŏn begat Săl'mŏn;

5 And Sal'mon begat Bo'oz of Ra'chab: and Bō'oz begat O'běd of Ruth; and O'běd begat Jesse:

6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of V-ri'as:

7 And Solomon begat Rö-bö'am; and Rō-bō'am begat A-bī'a; and A-bī'a be-

gat A'sa;

8 And A'sa begat Jos'a-phat: and Jos'aphát begat Joram; and Joram begat Ō-zī'ăs:

Jô'a-thăm begat A'chăz; and A'chăz begat Ez'e-ki'as;

10 And Ez'ē-kī'ās begat Mā-nās'sēş; and Ma-nas'sēş begat A'mon; and Ā'mŏn begat Jō-sī'ās;

11 And Jo-si'as begat Jech'o-ni'as and his brethren, about the time they were

carried away to Babylon:

12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jech'ō-nī'ās begat Sà-lā'thī-ĕl; and Sa-la'thi-ĕl begat Zō-rŏb'a-bĕl;

13 And Zō-rŏb'a-bĕl begat A-bī'ŭd: and A-bi'ŭd begat E-li'a-kim; and E-li'

à-kim begat A'zor;

14 And A'zör begat Sā'dŏc; and Sā'dŏc begat A'chim; and A'chim begat E-li'ud; 15 And E-li'ŭd begat El'ē-ā'zar; and Ěl'ē-ā'zar begat Măt'thăn; and Măt'thăn begat Jacob;

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus,

who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and together, he demanded of them where from David until the carrying away into Christ should be born.

Babylon are fourteen generations: and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

18 T Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her

away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saving, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the

Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child. 9 And Ö-zī'ās begat Jō'a-tham; and and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Em-măn'ū-ĕl, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name TESUS.

CHAPTER 2

TOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Her'od the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship

3 When Hĕr'od the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all

Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people 5 And they said unto him. In Bethle-

the prophet.

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Ju'da, art not the least among the princes of Ju'da: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Is'rā-ĕl.

7 Then Her'od, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said. Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young

child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 @ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frank-

incense, and myrrh.
12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Her'od, they departed into their own country

another way.

13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Her od will seek the young child to destroy him.

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and de-

parted into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Her'od: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet. saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

16 Then Her od, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

spoken by Jěr'ē-mỹ the prophet, saying. Abraham.

18 In Rā'ma was there a voice heard hem of Judea: for thus it is written by lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, hecause they are not.

> 19 @ But when Her'od was dead. behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth

> in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 Saving, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Is'ra-el: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

> 21 And he grose, and took the voung child and his mother, and came into the

land of İş'rā-ĕl.

22 But when he heard that Ar'che-la'is did reign in Judea in the room of his father Her'od, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets.

He shall be called a Nazarene.

CHAPTER 3

IN those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the king-

dom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of hy the prophet E-sa'ias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts

and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Terusalem, and all Tudea, and all the region round about Tordan.

6 And were baptized of him in Tordan.

confessing their sins.

7 I But when he saw many of the Phăr'i-sees and Săd'dū-cees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for

repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves. We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of 17 Then was fulfilled that which was these stones to raise up children unto

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord tree which bringeth not forth good fruit thy God. is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh eth him all the kingdoms of the world, after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall bapfire:

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

need to be baptized of thee, and comest into Galilee:

thou to me?

15 And Jesus answering said unto him. Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.

Then he suffered him.

16 And Tesus, when he was baptized. went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am is sprung up.

well pleased.

CHAPTER 4

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward ahungered. 3 And when the tempter came to him.

he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said. It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pin-

nacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written. He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him. It is written

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and show-

and the glory of them:

9 And saith unto him, All these things tize you with the Holy Ghost, and with will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

> 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and

him only shalt thou serve.

II Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto

12 ¶ Now when Jesus had heard that 14 But John forbade him, saying, I have John was cast into prison, he departed

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Ca-per'na-um, which is upon the seacoast, in the borders of Zab'ū-lon and Něph'thà-lim:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by E-ṣā'iās the prophet, saying, 15 The land of Zāb'ū-lon, and the land of Něph'thá-lim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gen'tiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light

17 I From that time Tesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the king-

dom of heaven is at hand.

18 ¶ And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren. Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets.

and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zěb'ë-dëe, and John his brother, in a ship with Zeb'e-dee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 C And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all

sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall the palsy; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Dē-cap'ō-lis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and

taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are they that mourn: for

they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek; for they shall

inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they

shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they

shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for

they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs

is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely. for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which

were before you.

13 \(\text{Ye} \) are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be them of old time, Thou shalt not comtrodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men. that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. 17 II Think not that I am come to

destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven in no wise pass from the law, till all be

fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Phar'i-sees. ye shall in no case enter into the king-

dom of heaven.

21 TY Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill: and whosoever shall kill shall be in dan-

ger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother. Rā'ca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee:

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer

thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly. while thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

27 Te have heard that it was said by

mit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whoseever

looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee,

ent it off, and cast it from thee: for it is 47 And if ve salute your brethren only, profitable for thee that one of thy mem- what do ye more than others? do not hers should perish, and not that thy even the publicans so? whole body should be cast into hell.

put away his wife, let him give her a fect.

writing of divorcement:

32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

33 C Again, ye have heard that it hath heen said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all: neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Terusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by the head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be. Yea. yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more

than these cometh of evil.

38 I Ye have heard that it hath been said. An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thu cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee

to go a mile, go with him twain 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee

turn not thou away.

43 ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and

hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute vou:

45 That ve may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you. what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as 31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall your Father which is in heaven is per-

CHAPTER 6

MAKE heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand

doeth:

4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 Q And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much

speaking.

8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation. but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their tres-

passes, neither will your Father forgive not much more clothe you, O ye of little

your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint

thine head, and wash thy face:

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

19 I Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break

through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there

will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness,

how great is that darkness!

24 W No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one. and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than

raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can

add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field. how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed

like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he

31 Therefore take no thought, saving What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we he clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gen'tiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all

these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

CHAPTER 7

UDGE not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge.

ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured

to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eve?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother. Let me pull out the mote out of thine eve; and, behold, a beam is in thine own

eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holv unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend

you. 7 ¶ Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth: and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom

if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ve

would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and authority, and not as the scribes. the prophets.

13 C Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life.

and few there be that find it.

15 @ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs

of thistles?

forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree commanded, for a testimony unto them.

bringeth forth evil fruit.

fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring centurion, beseeching him, forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into tormented.

the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ve shall know them.

21 W Not every one that saith unto me. Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them. I never knew you: depart from me, ye

that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth faith, no, not in Iş'rā-ĕl. these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for

it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these teeth. sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man. which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and

great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had astonished at his doctrine:

29 For he taught them as one having

CHAPTER 8

HEN he was come down from V the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

2 And, behold, there came a leper and

worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, show thyself to 17 Even so every good tree bringeth the priest, and offer the gift that Moses .

5 C And when Jesus was entered into 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil Ca-per'na-um, there came unto him a

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously

7 And Jesus saith unto him. I will come

and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said. Lord. I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you. I have not found so great

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven:

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way: and as thou hast believed. so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

14 ¶ And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother

laid, and sick of a fever.

15 And he touched her hand, and the ended these sayings, the people were fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

16 C When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by E-sa'ias the prophet, saving, Himself took our infirmities, and bare

our sicknesses.

18 C Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.

19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee

whithersoever thou goest.

20 And Tesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go

and bury my father.

22 But Tesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

23 III And when he was entered into a

ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we

perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful. O ve of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marveled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the

winds and the sea obey him!

28 I And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergē-sēnes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither

to torment us before the time? 30 And there was a good way off from

them a herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saving, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the meaneth, I will have mercy, and not

whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen in

the possessed of the devils. 34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts.

CHAPTER 9

AND he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2 And, behold, they brought to him's man sick of the palsy, lying on a bedand Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer: thy sins be forgiven thee.

3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blas-

phemeth.

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said. Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5 For whether is easier, to say, Thu sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise,

and walk?

6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sing then saith he to the sick of the palsy, Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his

house.

8 But when the multitudes saw it. they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

9 I And as Jesus passed forth from

thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. 10 ¶ And it came to pass, as Jesus sat

at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Phar'i-sees saw it. they said unto his disciples. Why eateth your master with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what that

righteous, but sinners to repentance.

14 Then came to him the disciples of him, Yea, Lord. John, saying, Why do we and the Phar'isees fast oft, but thy disciples fast According to your faith be it unto you.

15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and try then shall they fast.

16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment; for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.

17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler. and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

20 M And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21 For she said within herself. If I may but touch his garment, I shall be

whole.

22 But Tesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and

the people making a noise,

24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And

they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand,

and the maid arose. 26 And the fame hereof went abroad

into all that land.

27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.

28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and the way of the Gen'tiles, and into any

sacrifice: for I am not come to call the Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto

29 Then touched he their eyes, saying,

30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that coun-

32 C As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed

with a devil.

33 And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in İş'rā-ĕl.

34 But the Phar'i-sees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the

devils.

35 And Tesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 @ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the

laborers are few:

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

CHAPTER 10

ND when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother: James the son of Zeb'e-dee, and John his

brother; 3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alpheus, and Leb-be'us, whose

surname was Thăd'dē-us; 4 Simon the Cā'nāan-īte, and Judas

Is-car'i-ot, who also betrayed him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into city of the Sa-mar'i-tans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Is'rā-ĕl.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ve have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor

brass in your purses;

10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into a house,

salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off

the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sod'om and Gö-mör'rah in the day of judgment. than for that city.

16 T Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gen'tiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in

you.

21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to

the end shall be saved.

23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over righteous man in the name of a rightthe cities of Is'ra-el, till the Son of man eous man shall receive a righteous man's be come.

24 The disciple is not above his master. nor the servant above his lord.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Be-el'ze-bub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the house-

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more

value than many sparrows. 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess

me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my

Father which is in heaven.

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughterin-law against her mother-in-law.

36 And a man's foes shall be they of his

own household.

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake

shall find it. 40 I He that receiveth you receiveth

me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

41 He that receiveth a prophet in the mame of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a reward.

42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple. verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

CHAPTER 11

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two

of his disciples,

3 And said unto him. Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? 4 Tesus answered and said unto them.

Go and show John again those things

which we do hear and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall

not be offended in me.

7 I And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John. What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings'

houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more

than a prophet,

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before

before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take

it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law rest. prophesied until John.

E-li'as, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

16 @ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not

lamented.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom

is justified of her children. 20 I Then began he to upbraid the

cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: 21 Woe unto thee, Chō-rā'zin! woe unto thee, Beth'sa'i-da! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Si'don, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you. It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Si'don at the day

of judgment, than for you.

23 And thou, Ca-per na-um, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works. which have been done in thee, had been done in Sod'om, it would have remained until this day.

24 But I say unto you. That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sod'om in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 T At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid thy face, which shall prepare thy way these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26 Even so, Father; for so it seemed

good in thy sight.

27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal

28 C Come unto me, all ue that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn 14 And if ye will receive it, this is of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ve shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

CHAPTER 12

AT that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were ahungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But when the Phar'i-sees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the

sabbath day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was ahungered, and they that were with him:

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are

blameless?

is one greater than the temple.

7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of man is Lord even of

the sabbath day.

9 And when he was departed thence,

he went into their synagogue:

10 ¶ And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to

do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 Then the Phar'i-sees went out. and held a council against him, how they

might destroy him.

15 But when Jesus knew it, he with-drew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all:

not make him known:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by E-sa'jas the prophet, saying, 18 Behold my servant, whom I have

chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the

Gĕn'tiles.

19 He shall not strive, nor cry: neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed shall he not break. and smoking flax shall he not quench. till he send forth judgment unto victory. 21 And in his name shall the Gen'tiles

trust.

22 II Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the Son of David?

24 But when the Phar'i-sees heard it 6 But I say unto you, That in this place they said, This fellow doth not cast out sone greater than the temple. devils, but by Bē-ĕl'zē-bub the prince of the devils.

25 And Tesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation: and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then

his kingdom stand?

27 And if I by Be-el'ze-bub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is

come unto you.

29 Or else, how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

30 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scat-

tereth abroad.

31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be 16 And charged them that they should forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

fruit good; or else make the tree cor- him. rupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth

speaketh.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judg-

ment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be

condemned.

38 C Then certain of the scribes and of the Phar'i-sees answered, saying, Master. we would see a sign from thee.

39 But he answered and said unto them. An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet To'nas:

40 For as Jo'nas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly: so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nia'e-veh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jo'nas; and, behold, a greater than Jo'nas is here.

42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

46 While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren

33 Either make the tree good, and his stood without, desiring to speak with

47 Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee.

48 But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?

49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

50 For whosoever shall do the will of 36 But I say unto you, That every idle my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

CHAPTER 13

HE same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower

went forth to sow:

4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched: and because they had no root.

they withered away.

7 And some feil among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold

9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. 10 And the disciples came, and said unto him. Why speakest thou unto them

in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven,

but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy

f E-sa'ias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ve shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing. and their eyes they have closed: lest at any time they should see with their eves, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you. That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which we see. and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

18 ¶ Hear ye therefore the parable of

the sower.

19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside.

20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy

receiveth it:

21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word: and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word,

and he becometh unfruitful.

23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word. and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 ¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which

sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up and brought forth fruit, then appeared

the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder

thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him. Wilt thou then that we go and gather

them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ve gather up the tares, ve root up also the

wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest T will say to the reapers, Gather ve together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 I Another parable out he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed. which a man took, and sowed in his

field:

32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 ¶ Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the

whole was leavened.

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from

the foundation of the world.

36 Then I esus sent the multitude away. and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them. He that soweth the good seed is the

Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom: but the tares are the children of the wicked one:

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his came and said unto him, Sir, didst not angels, and they shall gather out of his The pearl of great price. John the Baptist beheaded

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kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity:

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnash-

ing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth there because of their unbelief. as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him

hear.

44 I Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 W Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking for He-ro'di-as' sake, his brother

goodly pearls:

46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he

had, and bought it.

47 M Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnash-

ing of teeth.

51 Tesus saith unto them. Have ve understood all these things? They say

unto him, Yea, Lord.

52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

53 I And it came to pass, that when Tesus had finished these parables, he

departed thence.

54 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Jo'ses, and Simon,

and Tudas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?

57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house.

58 And he did not many mighty works

CHAPTER 14

that time Her'od the tetrarch heard of the fame of Tesus.

2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in him.

3 Q For Her'od had laid hold on John. and bound him, and put him in prison

Philip's wife.

4 For John said unto him. It is not

lawful for thee to have her.

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Her'od's birthday was kept, the daughter of He-ro'di-as danced before them, and pleased

Hěr'od.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would

8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.

10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and

she brought it to her mother. 12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went

and told Jesus.

13 @ When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed

their sick.

15 C And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saving. This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may

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go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. 17 And they say unto him, We have

here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that

remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

22 ¶ And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the

wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I;

be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the

ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Jesus calmeth the sea. The traditions

34 I And when they were gone over. they came into the land of Gen-nes'a.

35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment; and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

CHAPTER 15

HEN came to Jesus scribes and Phar'i-sees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said unto them. Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?

4 For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the

5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited

by me: And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none

effect by your tradition. 7 Ye hypocrites, well did E-sa'ias

prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me. teaching for doctrines the command-

ments of men.

10 C And he called the multitude, and 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter said unto them, Hear, and understand: 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

> 12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Phar'isees were offended, after they heard

this saying?

13 But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

him. Declare unto us this parable.

16 And Tesus said. Are ve also vet with-

out understanding?

17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart;

and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands

defileth not a man.

21 Of Then Iesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and

Sī'dŏn.

22 And, behold, a woman of Ca'naan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David: my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saving, Send her away; for she

crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said. I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Is'rā-ĕl.

25 Then came she and worshipped him,

saving. Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said. It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from

their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat

down there.

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

31 Insomuch that the multitude wonspeak, the maimed to be whole, the lame taken no bread.

15 Then answered Peter and said unto to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Is'ra-el.

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

33 And his disciples say unto him. Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a

multitude?

34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ve? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

35 And he commanded the multitude

to sit down on the ground.

36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.

38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and

children.

39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Măg'dà-là.

CHAPTER 16

HE Phar'i-sees also with the Sad-L du-cees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered and said unto them. When it is evening, ye say, It will be

fair weather: for the sky is red.

3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather to-day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jo'nas. And he left them, and departed.

5 And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take

bread.

6 C Then Tesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Phăr'i-seeş and of the Săd'dū-cees.

7 And they reasoned among themdered, when they saw the dumb to selves, saying, It is because we have 8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye

took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye

took up?

11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake if not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Phär'i-sēeş and of the Săd'dū-çēeş?

12 Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Phar'i-

sees and of the Sad'du-cees.

13 ¶ When Jesus came into the coasts of Çæs'á-rê'à Phi-lip'pi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I. the Son of man, am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, E-li'as; and others. Jer'e-mi'as, or one of the

prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say

ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the

living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bär-jö'nå: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall

not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was

Jesus the Christ.

21 ¶ From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to of man be risen again from the dead.

8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, unto them. O ve of little faith, why Lord; this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross.

and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in

exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man

coming in his kingdom.

CHAPTER 17

AND after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and E-li'as talking with him.

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for E-li'as.

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am

well pleased; hear ve him.

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.
7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. 9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son

ing. Why then say the scribes that children free. E-li'as must first come?

restore all things.

come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever for me and thee. they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. 14 I And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain

man, kneeling down to him, and saving, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son; for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into

the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples,

and they could not cure him.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Tesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast

him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you. If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but into everlasting fire.

by prayer and fasting.

22 And while they abode in Galllee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betraved into the hands of men:

23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they

were exceeding sorry.

24 ¶ And when they were come to Ca-per'na-um, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?

25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children. or of strangers?

26 Peter saith unto him. Of strangers.

10 And his disciples asked him, say- Jesus saith unto him, Then are the

27 Notwithstanding, lest we should 11 And Jesus answered and said unto offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast them, E-li'as truly shall first come, and a hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened 12 But I say unto you, That E-li'as is his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them

CHAPTER 18

T the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me,

6 But whose shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 ¶ Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by

whom the offense cometh!

8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast

9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye. rather than having two eyes to be cast

into hell fire.

10 Take heed that we despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11 For the Son of man is come to save

that which was lost.

12 How think ye? if a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I

say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that hands on him, and took him by the sheeb, than of the ninety and nine which throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest went not astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of

these little ones should perish. 15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained

thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in

the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them. tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of Father do also unto you, if ye from your you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 ¶ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him. I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until

seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon. one was brought unto him, which owed

him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold. and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which

29 And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have

patience with me, and I will pay thee all 30 And he would not: but went and

cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant. I forgave thee all that debt. he-

cause thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."

CHAPTER 19

AND it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these savings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judea beyond Jordan:

2 And great multitudes followed him:

and he healed them there.

3 The Phar'i-sees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him. Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them. Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male

and female,
5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain. but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto him, Why did Moses

then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses because

of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall owed him a hundred pence; and he laid put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, com- for a camel to go through the eye of a her which is put away doth commit the kingdom of God. adultery.

10 II His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it

is not good to marry.

11 But he said unto them. All men cannot receive this saying, save they to

whom it is given.

12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves ennuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it. let him receive it.

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray; and the

disciples rebuked them.

14 But Tesus said. Suffer little children. and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

15 And he laid his hands on them, and

departed thence.

16 4 And, behold, one came and said and the last shall be first. unto him. Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said. Thou shalt do no murder. Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false wit-

19 Honor thy father and thy mother: and. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as

thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him. All these things have I kept from my youth

up: what lack I yet?

21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for

he had great possessions.

23 ¶ Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier first.

mitteth adultery: and whoso marrieth needle, than for a rich man to enter into

25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saving, Who

then can be saved?

26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

27 I Then answered Peter and said unto him. Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have

therefore?

28 And Tesus said unto them. Verily I say unto you. That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Ĭs'rā-ĕl.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting

life.

30 But many that are first shall be last:

CHAPTER 20

FOR the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them

into his vineyard.

3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market place,

4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. 5 Again he went out about the sixth

and ninth hour, and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them. Why stand ve here all the day idle?

7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them. Go ve also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

8 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the

9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received

every man a penny.

10 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.

11 And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the

house.

12 Saving. These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

13 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

14 Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eve evil. because I am good?

16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few

chosen.

17 T And Tesus going up to Terusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the

way, and said unto them.

18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes. and they shall condemn him to death.

19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise

again.

20 Then came to him the mother of Zěb'ē-dēe's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain

thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Tesus answered and said. Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto

him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them. Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the

two brethren.

25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gen'tiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

26 But it shall not be so among your but whosoever will be great among you.

let him be your minister:

27 And whosoever will be chief among

you, let him be your servant:

28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

29 And as they departed from Jer'i-cho. a great multitude followed him.

30 M And, behold, two blind men sitting by the wayside, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David.

31 And the multitude rebuked them. because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall

do unto you?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our

eves may be opened.

34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

CHAPTER 21

AND when they drew nigh unto Jeru-salem, and were come to Beth' pha-ge, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Tesus two disciples.

2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto

3 And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the

prophet, saying,

5 Tell ve the daughter of Sī'on, Behold. thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Tesus commanded them.

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before. and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest,

10 And when he was come into Terusalem, all the city was moved, saving,

Who is this?

11 And the multitude said. This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of

Galilee.

12 I And Tesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of

thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. 15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: they were sore displeased,

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them. Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou

hast perfected praise?

17 (I And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

18 Now in the morning, as he returned

into the city, he hungered.

19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig might believe him. tree withered away.

20 And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saving. How soon is the fig

tree withered away!

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, we shall not only do this

6 And the disciples went, and did as which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain. Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea: it shall be done.

22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall

ask in prayer, believing, ve shall receive. 23 I And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

24 And Tesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me. I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these

things.

25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saving, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us. Why did ye not then believe

26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a

prophet.

27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them. Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

28 @ But what think ve? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first. and said, Son, go work to-day in my

vinevard.

29 He answered and said. I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. 30 And he came to the second, and

said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir; and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye

33 @ Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

34 And when the time of the fruit drew

Wicked husbandmen. The wedding of the king's som ST. MATTHEW 21, 22

near, he sent his servants to the hus- Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my bandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another,

and stoned another.

36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first; and they did unto them likewise.

37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my

38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

39 And they caught him, and cast him

out of the vineyard, and slew him. 40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those

husbandmen? 41 They say unto him, He will miser-

ably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

42 Jesus saith unto them. Did ve never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you. and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to

powder.

45 And when the chief priests and Phar'i-sees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

CHAPTER 22

ND Jesus answered and spake unto A them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden,

oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to

his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants. and entreated them spitefully, and slew

them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he

was wroth; and he sent forth his armies. and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants. The

wedding is ready, but they which were

bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ve therefore into the highways. and as many as ye shall find, bid to the

marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 I And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants. Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are

15 ¶ Then went the Phar'i-sees, and took counsel how they might entangle

him in his talk.

16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the He-ro'di-ans, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.

17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto

Cæsar, or not?

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

19 Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny

20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?

21 They say unto him, Cæsar's. Then

saith he unto them. Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

22 When they had heard these words. they marveled, and left him, and went

their way.

23 The same day came to him the Săd'dū-ceeş, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him.

24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed

unto his brother.

25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: 26 Likewise the second also, and the

third, unto the seventh. 27 And last of all the woman died

also

28 Therefore in the resurrection, whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

29 Tesus answered and said unto them. Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures.

nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

33 And when the multitude heard this.

they were astonished at his doctrine. 34 @ But when the Phar'i-sees had heard that he had put the Sad'du-çeeş to silence, they were gathered together.

35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting

him, and saying,

36 Master, which is the great com-

mandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great com-

mandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

all the law and the prophets.

41 C While the Phar'i-sees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ?

whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.

43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The LORD said unto my Lord. Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

45 If David then call him Lord, how

is he his son?

46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more ouestions.

CHAPTER 23

HEN spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples.

2 Saying, The scribes and the Phar'isees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say,

and do not. 4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their

fingers. 5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders

of their garments,

6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues.

7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Răb'bi, Răb'bi.

8 But be not ye called Rab'bi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is

in heaven.

10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

11 But he that is greatest among you

shall be your servant.

12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall hum-

ble himself shall be exalted.

13 C But wee unto you, scribes and Phar i-sees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for 40 On these two commandments hang ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ve them that are entering to go in.

14 Woe unto you, scribes and Phar'isees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the

greater damnation.

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Phar'isees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple,

he is a debtor!

17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that

sanctifieth the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.

19 Ye fools and blind; for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanc-

tifieth the gift?

20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.

21 And whose shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that

dwelleth therein.

22 And he that shall swear by heaven.

sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Phar'isees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a

gnat, and swallow a camel.

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Phar'isees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Phar'i-see, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean

also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Phar'isees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are

full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Phar'isees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

30 And say. If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the

prophets.

31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto vourselves, that we are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32 Fill ye up then the measure of your

fathers.

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers. how can ve escape the damnation of hell? 34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zach à-ri'as son of Bar'achī'as, whom ye slew between the tem-

ple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would

38 Behold, your house is left unto you

desolate.

39 For I say unto you. Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER 24

ND Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown

3 ¶ And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him pri-

vately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto

them. Take heed that no man deceive

5 For many shall come in my name. saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sor-

rows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended and shall betray one another, and shall

hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, shaken: the love of many shall wax cold.

end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the and great glory. end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whose readeth, let him understand.)

16 Then let them which be in Judea

fiee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not but my words shall not pass away. in the winter, neither on the sabbath

21 For then shall be great tribulation. such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you,

Lo, here is Christ, or there: believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; incomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcass is. there will the eagles be gathered to-

gether.

29 ¶ Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened. and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be

30 And then shall appear the sign of 13 But he that shall endure unto the the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer

is nigh: 33 Šo likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even

at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things

be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away,

36 C But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of No'e were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before made, Behold, the bridegroom comeththe flood they were eating and drinking. marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that No'e entered into the ark.

39 And knew not until the flood came. and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field: the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ve also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of

man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall

make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his

coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the

drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him.

and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

CHAPTER 25

HEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five

were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels

with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they

all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry

go ve out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and

trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise. Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saving, No. so: lest there be not enough for us and vou: but go ye rather to them that sell.

and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage. and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore; for ye know

neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

14 C For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered

unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents. to another two, and to another one: to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same. and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received

two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with

them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done.

thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold. I have gained two other talents beside them

23 His lord said unto him, Well done.

good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not strewed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou

hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him. Thou wicked and slothful servant. thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usurv.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be

weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was ahungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me

36 Naked, and ve clothed me: I was in the house of Simon the leper, sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison,

and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee ahungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and pose is this waste?

took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in

prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and sav unto them. Verily I say unto you. Inasmuch as ve have done it unto one of the thou hast not sown, and gathering where least of these my brethren, we have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared

for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was ahungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave

me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ve visited me

44 Then shall they also answer him. saying, Lord, when saw we thee ahungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ve did it not to one of the least of these, ve did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous

into life eternal.

CHAPTER 26

ND it came to pass, when Tesus had A finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,

2 Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

3 Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Ca'ia-phas, 4 And consulted that they might take

Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.

5 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the

people.

6 ¶ Now when Jesus was in Bethany,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

8 But when his disciples saw if, they had indignation, saying, To what pur-

sold for much, and given to the poor.

10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon

you; but me ye have not always.

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

14 C Then one of the twelve, called Judas Is-căr'i-ŏt, went unto the chief

priests,

15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

16 And from that time he sought oppor-

tunity to betray him.

17 \(\text{Now the first day of the feast of} \) unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saving unto him. Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said. Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. 19 And the disciples did as Tesus had appointed them; and they made ready

the passover.

20 Now when the even was come, he

sat down with the twelve.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto

him, Lord, is it I?

23 And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish.

the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said. Master, is it I? He

said unto him, Thou hast said.

9 For this ointment might have been it, and gave it to the disciples, and said. Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saving,

Drink ye all of it:

28 For this : 3 my blood of the new testa-11 For ye have the poor always with ment, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

> 29 But I say unto you. I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you

> in my Father's kingdom. 30 And when they had sung a hymn.

> they went out into the mount of Olives. 31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock

> shall be scattered abroad. 32 But after I am risen again, I will go

before vou into Galilee.

33 Peter answered and said unto him. Though all men shall be offended because of thee, uet will I never be offended.

34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

35 Peter said unto him. Though I should die with thee, yet will I not denv thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

36 I Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Geth-sem'a-ne, and saith unto the disciples. Sit ve here, while I go and pray vonder.

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zěb'ë-dëe, and began to be

sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples. and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with

me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is

willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, 26 ¶ And as they were eating, Jesus if this cup may not pass away from me, took bread, and blessed if, and brake except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy,

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saving

the same words.

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is

at hand that doth betray me.

47 ¶ And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves. from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast.

49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him

51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest, and smote off his said. He is guilty of death.

52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish

with the sword.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then shall the Scriptures be

fulfilled, that thus it must be?

55 In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes. Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

56 But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

57 M And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Cā'ia-phās the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

the high priest's palace, and went in, cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. and sat with the servants, to see the end. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

60 But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, uet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses.

61 And said. This fellow said. I am able to destroy the temple of God. and to

build it in three days.

62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him. Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Jesus saith unto him. Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming

in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes. saying, He hath spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

66 What think ye? They answered and

67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

68 Saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? 69 ¶ Now Peter sat without in the

palace: and a damsel came unto him. saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee.

70 But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou savest.

71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there. This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

72 And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.

74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of 58 But Peter followed him afar off unto Jesus, which said unto him, Before the

CHAPTER 27

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

2 And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to

Pon'ti-us Pilate the governor.

3 ¶ Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betraved the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went

and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury

strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The

field of blood, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jer'e-my the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Is'ra-el did value:

10 And gave them for the potter's field,

as the Lord appointed me.

11 And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then said Pilate unto him; Hearest

against thee?

14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

15 Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable pris-

oner, called Bär-ab'bas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Bar-abbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had

delivered him.

19 ¶ When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Bär-ab'bas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said

Bär-ăb'băs.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude. saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said. His blood be on us, and on our

children.

26 ¶ Then released he Bär-ăb'băs unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. 27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and

gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. 28 And they stripped him, and put on

him a scarlet robe.

29 ¶ And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and thou not how many things they witness, mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the

> 30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him. and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Çŷ-rē'nē, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Gŏl'gō-tha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him

there:

37 And set up over his head his accusation written, This is Jesus the King OF THE JEWS.

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him; one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 I And they that passed by reviled

him, wagging their heads,

the temple, and buildest it in three days. save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

mocking him, with the scribes and the body to be delivered.

elders, said,

save. If he be the King of Iş'rā-ĕl, let cloth, him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said,

I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Tesus cried with a loud voice, saying, E'lï, E'lï, lä'mä sä-bäch'thä-ni'? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth

for E-li'as.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether E-li'as will come to save him.

with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. a watch. 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent:

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the hely city, and appeared unto many.

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

56 Among which was Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of Tames and Jo'sēş, and the mother of Zĕb'ē-dēe's children.

57 When the even was come, there 40 And saying, Thou that destroyest came a rich man of Ar'i-ma-the'a, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the 41 Likewise also the chief priests body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded

59 And when Joseph had taken the 42 He saved others; himself he cannot body, he wrapped it in a clean linen

> 60 And laid it in his own new tomb. which he had bewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

> 61 And there was Mary Mag'dà-lêne. and the other Mary, sitting over against

the sepulchre.

62 M Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Phar'i-sees came together unto Pilate.

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as

ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepul-50 C Jesus, when he had cried again chre sure, sealing the stone, and setting

CHAPTER 28

N the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Mag'da-lene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women. Fear not ve: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the

Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ve see him: lo, I have told

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word

9 ¶ And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 C Now when they were going, he. hold, some of the watch came into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers.

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saving is commonly reported among the Tews until this day.

16 I Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 G Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

ST. MARK

CHAPTER 1

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus

Christ, the Son of God; 2 As it is written in the prophets, Be-

hold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 3 The voice of one crying in the wil-

derness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness. and preach the baptism of repentance

for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Tudea, and they of Terusalem. and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and

wild honey:

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the

Holy Ghost.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened. and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven. saying. Thou art my beloved Son, in

whom I am well pleased.

12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

forty days tempted of Satan; and was about Galilee. with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled,

and the kingdom of God is at hand: re-

brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsook their

nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zěb'ē-dēe, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zĕb'ē-dēe in the ship with the hired servants, and

went after him.

21 And they went into Ca-per'na-um; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. 22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried

out,

24 Saying. Let us alone: what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying,

Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he

came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread 13 And he was there in the wilderness abroad throughout all the region round

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into 14 Now after that John was put in the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever: and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the pent ye, and believe the gospel.

16 Now as he walked by the sea of ately the fever left her, and she minis-Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his tered unto them. 32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered to-

gether at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there

prayed.

36 And Simon and they that were with phemies? who can forgive sins but God

him followed after him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him. All men seek for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast

out devils.

40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

43 And he straitly charged him, and

forthwith sent him away;

44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

CHAPTER 2

AND again he entered into Ca-perna-um after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they come unto him, bringing

32 And at even, when the sun did set, one sick of the palsy, which was borne

of four.

4 And when they could not come night unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins

be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God

only?

8 And immediately, when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed.

and walk?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) 11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up

thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. 12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and

glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

13 And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted

unto him, and he taught them.

14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alpheus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15 And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many,

and they followed him.

16 And when the scribes and Phar'isees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sin-

ners to repentance.

18 And the disciples of John and of the

and say unto him. Why do the disciples of John and of the Phar'i-sees fast, but thy disciples fast not?

19 And Jesus said unto them. Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them. they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those

days.

21 No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment; else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.

22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred; but new wine must be put into new bottles.

23 And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Phar'i-sees said unto him. Behold, why do they on the sabbath day

that which is not lawful?

25 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was ahungered, he, and they

that were with him?

26 How he went into the house of God in the days of A-bi'a-thar the high priest, and did eat the showbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? 27 And he said unto them, The sabbath

was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

CHAPTER 3

AND he entered again into the syna-gogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day;

that they might accuse him.

3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth,

4 And he saith unto them. Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

Phar'i-sees used to fast: and they come on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man. Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

6 And the Phar'i-sees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herô'di-ans against him, how they might

destroy him.

7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and

from Tudea.

8 And from Terusalem, and from Id'umē'a, and from beyond Tordan; and they about Tyre and Si'don, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.

9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.

10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues.

11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.

13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.

14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

16 And Simon he surnamed Peter: 17 And James the son of Zeb'e-dee. and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Bo'a-ner'ges, which is.

The sons of thunder:

18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alpheus, and Thad'de-us, and Simon the Ca'naan-ite, 19 And Judas Is-car'i-ot, which also betraved him: and they went into a house.

20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

22 ¶ And the scribes which came down 5 And when he had looked round about from Jerusalem said, He hath Be-elcasteth he out devils.

23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Satan rise up against him-. self, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they

shall blaspheme:

29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

30 Because they said, He hath an un-

clean spirit.

31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without,

sent unto him, calling him. 32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy

mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. 33 And he answered them, saving,

Who is my mother, or my brethren? 34 And he looked round about on them

which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

CHAPTER 4

AND he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine.

3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where

zē-bub, and by the prince of the devils it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it

vielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased, and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath

ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them. Unto von it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in

parables:

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ve not this parable? and how then will ye

know all parables?

14 ¶ The sower soweth the word. 15 And these are they by the wayside, where the word is sown; but when they have heard. Satan cometh immediately. and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately

receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward. when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.

21 ¶ And he said unto them. Is a canit had not much earth; and immediately dle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a can- him, and say unto him, Master, carest dlestick?

22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

23 If any man have ears to hear, let

him hear.

24 And he said unto them. Take heed what ye hear. With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into

the ground;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

herself: first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth. immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 C And he said. Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the

earth: 32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the

shadow of it. 33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were

able to hear it.

34 But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was may enter into them. in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship,

so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the and were choked in the sea. ship, asleep on a pillow; and they awake

thou not that we perish?

39 And he grose, and rebuked the wind. and said unto the sea. Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ve have no

faith?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another. What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

CHAPTER 5

AND they came over unto the other A side of the sea, into the country of the Gad'a-renes'.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 Who had his dwelling among the

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of tombs; and no man could bind him, no.

not with chains:

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him.

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of

the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is

Legion: for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saving. Send us into the swine, that we

13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out. and entered into the swine; and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand,)

14 And they that fed the swine fled,

her that had done this thing.

and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it

was that was done.

15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind; and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the

swine.

17 And they began to pray him to de-

part out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Jesus suffered him not. but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath

had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Dē-cap'ō-lis how great things Tesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

21 And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him; and he was

nigh unto the sea.

22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jā'i-rūs by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. 25 And a certain woman, which had an

issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse.

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his

garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his

clothes, I shall be whole,

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him.

turned him about in the press, and said Who touched my clothes?

31 And his disciples said unto him. Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and

told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, Daughter, the faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

and be whole of thy plague.

35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou the Master any further?

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only

believe.

37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John

the brother of Tames.

38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but

sleepeth.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him. and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

41 And he took the damsel by the hand. and said unto her, Tá-li'thá cu'mi: which is, being interpreted, Damsel. (I

say unto thee,) arise.

42 And straightway the damsel arose. and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to

eat.

CHAPTER 6

AND he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him.

2 And when the sabbath day was come.

he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying. From whence hath this man these is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Josēs, and of Jy'da, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they

were offended at him.

4 But Tesus said unto them. A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.

5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the

villages, teaching.

7 4 And he called unto him the twelve. and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits:

8 And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey. save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no

money in their purse:

put on two coats.

10 And he said unto them. In what place soever ye enter into a house, there abide till ye depart from that place.

11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sŏd'om and Gō-mŏr'rah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

12 And they went out, and preached

that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, and and gave it to the damsel; and the damanointed with oil many that were sick,

and healed them.

14 And king Her'od heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad;) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in him.

15 Others said, That it is E-li'as. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as

one of the prophets.

16 But when Her od heard thereof, he risen from the dead.

17 For Her'od himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for He-ro'di-as' sake, his things? and what wisdom is this which brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.

18 For John had said unto Hěr'od, It is not lawful for thee to have thy

brother's wife.

19 Therefore He-ro'di-as had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him:

but she could not:

20 For Her'od feared John, knowing that he was a just man and a holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Her'od on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and

chief estates of Galilee;

22 And when the daughter of the said Hē-rō'dī-ās came in, and danced, and pleased Her'od and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel. Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.

23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee,

unto the half of my kingdom.

noney in their purse: 24 And she went forth, and said unto 9 But be shod with sandals; and not her mother, What shall I ask? And she said. The head of Tohn the Baptist.

25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry: uet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 And brought his head in a charger,

sel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard of it. they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many comsaid, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is ing and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

The five thousand fed. Jesus on the sea

32 And they departed into a desert

place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the

time is far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread:

for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them. Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by

hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. 44 And they that did eat of the loaves

were about five thousand men.

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to g to the other side before unto Beth sa-I-da, while he sent away the people. 46 And when he had sent them away,

he departed into a mountain to pray. 47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone

on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been

a spirit, and cried out:

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves heyond measure, and wondered.

52 For they considered not the miracle of the loaves; for their heart was hardened.

53 And when they had passed over. they came into the land of Gen-nes'a. ret, and drew to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him.

55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

CHAPTER 7

HEN came together unto him the Phar'i-sees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. 2 And when they saw some of his disci-

ples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen hands, they found fault. 3 For the Phar'i-sees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat

not, holding the tradition of the elders. 4 And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not, And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brazen vessels, and of tables.

5 Then the Phar'i-sees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders. but eat bread with unwashen hands?

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath E-şā'jās prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the command-

ments of men.

8 For laving aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups; and many other such like things ye do.

9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that

ve may keep your own tradition.

10 For Moses said, Honor thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do aught for his father or his mother;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered; and many such like things do ye.

14 ¶ And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and

understand:

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the

16 If any man have ears to hear, let

him hear.

17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ve not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him:

19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of and the dumb to speak. men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from with-

in, and defile the man.

24 ¶ And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into a house, and would have no man know it: but he their own houses, they will faint by the could not be hid.

25 For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

26 The woman was a Greek, a Sỹ rôphē-ni'cian by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 But Jesus said unto her. Let the children first be filled; for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast

it unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him. Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of

thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

31 @ And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Si'don, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of De-cap'o-lis.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his

hand upon him.

33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Eph'pha-tha, that

is. Be opened.

35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was

loosed, and he spake plain.

36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it:

37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear,

CHAPTER 8

IN those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them.

2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me

three days, and have nothing to eat: 3 And if I send them away fasting to way: for divers of them came from far.

4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.

7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them

also before them.

8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that

was left seven baskets.

9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away. 10 ¶ And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dăl'ma-nū'tha.

11 And the Phar'i-sees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

- 12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.
- 13 And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.
- 14 ¶ Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf. 15 And he charged them, saying, Take

heed, beware of the leaven of the Phari-sees, and of the leaven of Her'od. 16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no

bread.

17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remem-

19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

22 And he cometh to Beth'sa'i-da: and they bring a blind man unto him.

and besought him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the

hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see

men as trees, walking,

25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house. saying, Neither go into the town, nor

tell it to any in the town.

27 ¶ And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Çæs'a-re'a Phi-lip'pi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?

28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, E-li'as; and others.

One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. 30 And he charged them that they

should tell no man of him. 31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things. and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed. and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to re-

buke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 ¶ And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he fragments took ye up? And they said, shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

change for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall he ashamed of me and of my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed when he cometh in the glory of his them. Father with the holy angels.

CHAPTER Q

ND he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was

transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller

on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them E-li'as with Moses: and they were talking with Tesus.

5 And Peter answered and said to Tesus. Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for E-li'as.

6 For he wist not what to say: for they

were sore afraid.

the cloud, saying, This is my beloved compassion on us, and help us. Son: hear him.

round about, they saw no man any more,

save Jesus only with themselves.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

10 And they kept that saving with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead

should mean.

11 @ And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that E-li'as must

first come?

12 And he answered and told them. E-li'as verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

13 But I say unto you, That E-li'as is

37 Or what shall a man give in ex- indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is writ-

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ten of him.

14 ¶ And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with

15 And straightway all the people. when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16 And he asked the scribes. What

question ye with them?

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit: 18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him; and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you?

bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And

he said, Of a child.

22 And offtimes it hath cast him into 7 And there was a cloud that over- the fire, and into the waters, to destroy shadowed them; and a voice came out of him; but if thou canst do any thing, have

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst 8 And suddenly, when they had looked believe, all things are possible to him

that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unhelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said,

He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and

lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? 29 And he said unto them, This kind

can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting

30 M And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.

31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33 ¶ And he came to Ca-pēr'nā-ŭm: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all

36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto

Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

38 T And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.

39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

40 For he that is not against us is on our part.

41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward

42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their worm dieth not, and she committeth adultery. the fire is not quenched.

Of greatness. Of offenses. Of divorce

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

46 Where their worm dieth not, and

the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and

the fire is not quenched. 49 For every one shall be salted with

fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

CHAPTER 10

ND he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

2 ¶ And the Phar'i-sees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them. What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he

wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one

flesh. 9 What therefore God hath joined to-

gether, let not man put asunder. 10 And in the house his disciples asked

him again of the same matter.

11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against

12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another,

13 ¶ And they brought young children

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to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them.

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can come forth by nothing, but by

prayer and fasting.

30 C And they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it.

31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered

into the hands of men, and they shall kill him: and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

32 But they understood not that say-

ing, and were afraid to ask him.

33 ¶ And he came to Ca-per'nā-um: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

34 But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them. If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto

them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

38 ¶ And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.

39 But Jesus said. Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil

of me.

40 For he that is not against us is on

our part.

41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

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47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eve, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted

with salt.

50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

CHAPTER 10

ND he arose from thence, and com-A eth into the coasts of Judea by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

2 Of And the Phar'i-sees came to him. and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them. What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them. For the hardness of your heart he

wrote you this precept.

6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his

8 And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

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upon them. 43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you,

shall be your minister:

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

46 W And they came to Ter'i-cho: and as he went out of Jer'i-cho with his disciples and a great number of people. blind Bar'ti-me'us, the son of Ti-me'us, sat by the highway side begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Tesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have

mercy on me.

48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace; but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Tesus.

51 And Tesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my

sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole, And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

CHAPTER 11

ND when they came nigh to Jeru-A salem, unto Beth'pha-ge and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,

2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.

3 And if any man say unto you, Why

gan to be much displeased with James need of him; and straightway he will

send him hither.

4 And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him.

5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them. What do ye, loosing the colt?

6 And they said unto them even as Tesus had commanded: and they let them go.

7 And they brought the colt to Tesus. and cast their garments on him; and he

sat upon him.

8 And many spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches off the trees, and strewed them in the

9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the

Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

11 And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 I And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hun-

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves: for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it. No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for

ever. And his disciples heard it.

15 C And they come to Terusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves;

16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the

temple.

17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ve have made it a den of thieves.

18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.

19 And when even was come, he went

out of the city.

20 ¶ And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried

up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto

them. Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye

shall have them.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive

your trespasses.

27 ¶ And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,

28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these

things?

29 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 The baptism of John, was it from

heaven, or of men? answer me.

31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?

32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

CHAPTER 12

AND he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a place for the winevat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit

of the vineyard.

3 And they caught him, and beat him,

and sent him away empty.

4 And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled.

5 And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating

some, and killing some.

6 Having yet therefore one son, his well-beloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying. They will reverence my son.

7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

8 And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.

9 What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vinevard unto others.

10 And have ye not read this Scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

11 This was the Lord's doing, and it is

marvelous in our eyes?

12 And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people; for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.

13 ¶ And they send unto him certain of the Phār'i-sēeş and of the Hē-rō' dĭ-ans, to catch him in his words.

14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man; for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, or not?

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me

a penny, that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and

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Cæsar's.

17 And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marveled at him.

18 Then come unto him the Săd'

dū-çēeş, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying,

19 Master, Moses wrote unto us. If a man's brother die, and leave his wife behind him, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

20 Now there were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and dving left

no seed.

21 And the second took her, and died. neither left he any seed; and the third

likewise.

22 And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the woman died also. 23 In the resurrection therefore, when

they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. 24 And Jesus answering said unto them. Do ye not therefore err, because ve know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God?

25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which

are in heaven.

26 And as touching the dead, that they rise; have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do

greatly err.

having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Ĭş'rā-ĕl; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, in all that she had, even all her living. and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment Master, see what manner of stones and

greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him. Well. Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none

other but he: 33 And to love him with all the heart.

and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask

him any question.

35 ¶ And Jesus answered and said. while he taught in the temple. How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David?

36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost. The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine

enemies thy footstool.

37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

38 I And he said unto them in his doctrine. Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the market places,

39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at

feasts:

40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

41 ¶ And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many

that were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a certain poor wid-28 ¶ And one of the scribes came, and ow, and she threw in two mites, which

make a farthing.

43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury

44 For all they did cast in of their abundance: but she of her want did cast

CHAPTER 13

AND as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, what buildings are here!

2 And Tesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked

him privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: 6 For many shall come in my name.

saving. I am Christ: and shall deceive

many.

7 And when ve shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end

shall not be yet.

8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

9 ¶ But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testi-

mony against them.

10 And the gospel must first be pub-

lished among all nations.

11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ve premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to

be put to death.

13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be

saved.

14 T But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains:

15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter but the Father.

therein, to take any thing out of his house:

16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his gar-

17 But woe to them that are with child. and to them that give suck in those days!

18 And pray ye that your flight be not

in the winter.

19 For in those days shall be affliction. such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the

days.

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there:

believe him not:

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed: behold, I have

foretold you all things.

24 T But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened. and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that sum-

mer is near:

29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.

31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

32 @ But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son,

ve know not when the time is.

34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to the porter to watch.

35 Watch ve therefore: for ve know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning;

36 Lest coming suddenly he find you

sleeping

37 And what I say unto you I say unto all. Watch.

CHAPTER 14

FTER two days was the feast of room furnished and prepared: there AFTER two days was the jeast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

2 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

3 C And being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment

made?

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they mur-

mured against her.
6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good

work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to

the burying.

9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she more of the fruit of the vine, until that hath done shall be spoken of for a day that I drink it new in the kingdom memorial of her.

10 ¶ And Judas Is-căr'i-ŏt, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to

betray him unto them.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for And he sought how he might con-

veniently betray him.

12 W And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt every man his work, and commanded thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?

> 13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them. Go ve into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.

> 14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

15 And he will show you a large upper

make ready for us.

16 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

17 And in the evening he cometh with

the twelve.

18 And as they sat and did eat. Tesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.

19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one. Is it I? and

another said, Is it I?

20 And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish.

21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

22 And as they did eat. Tesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat; this

is my body.

23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it

24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is

shed for many.

25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no of God.

26 And when they had sung a hymn. they went out into the mount of Olives.

27 And Jesus saith unto them, All ye 11 And when they heard it, they were shall be offended because of me this glad, and promised to give him money. night: for it is written, I will smite the scattered.

28 But after that I am risen, I will go and lead him away safely.

before you into Galilee. 29 But Peter said unto him, Although

all shall be offended, yet will not I.

30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said

they all.

32 And they came to a place which was named Geth-sem'a-ne: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy

34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death; tarry

ye here, and watch.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.

37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

39 And again he went away, and

prayed, and spake the same words. 40 And when he returned, he found false witness against him, saying them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that be-

trayeth me is at hand

43 ¶ And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief Christ, the Son of the Blessed? priests and the scribes and the elders.

shepherd, and the sheep shall be them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him,

> 45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, Master; and kissed him.

46 Q And they laid their hands on him.

and took him.

47 And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to

take me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the

Scriptures must be fulfilled.

50 And they all forsook him, and fied.

51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him:

52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled

from them naked.

53 ¶ And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

54 And Peter followed him afar off. even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Tesus to put him to death; and found none.

56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

57 And there arose certain, and bare

58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

59 But neither so did their witness

agree together.

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the

62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall 44 And he that betrayed him had given see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him

to be guilty of death.

65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the servants did strike him with the palms of their hands.

66 ¶ And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids

of the high priest:

67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Tesus of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the the Jews?

cock crew.

69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This

is one of them.

70 And he denied it again. And a little out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for the people, released Bär ab bas unto thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye

speak.

72 And the second time the cock crew. Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

CHAPTER 15

∧ND straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

King of the Jews? And he answering the country, the father of Alexander and

said unto him, Thou sayest it. 3 And the chief priests accused him of

many things; but he answered nothing. 4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. 5 But Jesus yet answered nothing; so

that Pilate marveled.

6 Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they

desired.

7 And there was one named Bar-abbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done

unto them.

9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King

of the Tews? 10 For he knew that the chief priests

had delivered him for envy.

11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release

Bär-ab'bas unto them.

12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of

13 And they cried out again, Crucify

him. 14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why

what evil hath he done? And they cried

them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Prē-to'ri-um; and they

call together the whole band.

17 And they clothed him with purple, And Peter called to mind the word that and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head.

18 And began to salute him, Hail, King

of the Jews!

19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

21 And they compel one Simon a Cy-2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the re'ni-an, who passed by, coming out of

Rufus, to bear his cross.

22 And they bring him unto the place Gŏl'gō-tha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it

24 And when they had crucified him.

upon them, what every man should take. 25 And it was the third hour, and they

crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves: the one on his right hand, and

the other on his left.

28 And the Scripture was fulfilled. which saith. And he was numbered with

the transgressors.

29 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days.

30 Save thyself, and come down from

the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

32 Let Christ the King of Is'rā-ĕl descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

33 And when the sixth hour was come. there was darkness over the whole land

until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, E'loï, E'loï, lä'mä sä-bäch'thä-ni'? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he

calleth E-li'as.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether E-li'as will come to take him down.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice,

and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdå-lene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Jo'ses, and Sa-lo'me

41 Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;

they parted his garments, casting lots and many other women which came up with him unto Terusalem.

42 C And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation. that is, the day before the sabbath.

43 Joseph of Ar'i-ma-the'a, an honorable counselor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Tesus.

44 And Pilate marveled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had

been any while dead.

45 And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Măg'dà-lêne and Mary the mother of Jo'ses beheld where he

was laid.

CHAPTER 16

ND when the sabbath was past. Mary Mag'da-lene, and Mary the mother of James, and Sà-lo'mē, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from

the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment;

and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: ve seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he

said unto vou.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid. 9 Now when Jesus was risen early

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32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom

there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel. How shall this be, seeing I know not a

man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with

her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be

impossible.

38 And Mary said. Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

39 And Mary grose in those days, and went into the hill-country with haste,

into a city of Ju'da;
40 And entered into the house of Zăch'à-rī'às, and saluted Elisabeth.

41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary. the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

42 And she spake out with a loud voice. and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy

womb.

43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the

Lord.

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord.

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is on them that fear

him from generation to generation. 51 He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the

imagination of their hearts.

52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty

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Abraham, and to his seed for ever. 56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own

57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she

brought forth a son. 58 And her neighbors and her cousins heard how the Lord had showed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with

59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zach'a-rī'as, after the name of his father.

60 And his mother answered and said. Not so; but he shall be called John.

61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they made signs to his father. how he would have him called.

63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marveled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and

he spake, and praised God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea.

66 And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be? And the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zäch'a-rī'as was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophe-

sied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord God of Is'rā-ĕl; for he hath visited and redeemed his

people. 69 And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant inn.

David: 70 As he spake by the mouth of his

holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that

hate us; 72 To perform the mercy promised to

our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant:

73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham.

74 That he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness be-

fore him, all the days of our life.

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on

high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in us. darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts

CHAPTER 2

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Çÿ-rē'nĭ-ŭs was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one

into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of so named of the angel before he was the house and lineage of David,)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused

wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; be-

cause there was no room for them in the

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were

sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them. Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the

city of David a Saviour, which is Christ

the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host

praising God, and saying 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on

earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven. the shepherds said one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary and Toseph, and the babe

lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they till the day of his showing unto Is'ra-el. made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and

pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child. his name was called Jesus, which was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord:

23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord:)

24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the every year at the feast of the pass. Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Is'rā-ĕl: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's

Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Tesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms,

and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salva-

32 A light to lighten the Gen'tiles, and the glory of thy people Iş'rā-ĕl.

33 And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother. Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Is'ra-el; and for a sign which shall be spoken against

35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also;) that the thoughts of

many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Pha-nu'el, of the tribe of A'ser: she was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;

37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

thanks likewise unto the Lord, and re'à and of the region of Trach'o-ni'tis, spake of him to all them that looked for and Ly-sa'ni-as the tetrarch of Ab'i-le'ne redemption in Jerusalem.

39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and

the grace of God was upon him. 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem

42 And when he was twelve years old.

they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. 43 And when they had fulfilled the

days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seek-

ing him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

tion, 31 Which thou hast prepared before ished at his understanding and answers. 47 And all that heard him were aston-

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him. Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them. How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying

which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

CHAPTER 3

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Ti-bē'rī-us Cæsar, Pŏn'ti-us Pilate being governor of Judea, and Her'od being tetrarch of Galilee, 38 And she coming in that instant gave and his brother Philip tetrarch of It'u-2 Annas and Cā'iá-phăs being the high

priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zăch'à-rī'às in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all the country about Tordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins:

4 As it is written in the book of the words of E-ṣā'iās the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight. smooth:

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation

of God.

7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10 And the people asked him, saving,

What shall we do then?

11 He answereth and saith unto them. He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what

shall we do?

13 And he said unto them. Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not:

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy Holy Ghost and with fire:

17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire mequenchable.

18 And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

19 But Her'od the tetrarch, being reproved by him for He-ro'di-as his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Her'od had done.

20 Added yet this above all, that he

shut up John in prison.

21 Now when all the people were bapand the rough ways shall be made tized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven

was opened,

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said. Thou art my beloved Son: in thee I am well pleased.

23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was

the son of He'li.

24 Which was the son of Mat'that. which was the son of Levi, which was the son of Měl'chi, which was the son of Jan'na, which was the son of Joseph.

25 Which was the son of Mat'ta-thi'as. which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Na'um, which was the son of Es'li, which was the son of Nag'ge,

26 Which was the son of Ma'ath, which was the son of Mat'ta-thi'as, which was the son of Sem'e-i, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Ju'da,

27 Which was the son of Jo-an'na, which was the son of Rhe'sa, which was the son of Zō-rŏb'a-bĕl, which was the son of Sa-la'thi-el, which was the son of Në'rī.

28 Which was the son of Měl'chi, which was the son of Ad'di, which was the son of Co'sam, which was the son of El-mo-

dăm, which was the son of Er 29 Which was the son of Jo'sē, which was the son of El'i-e'zer, which was the son of Jo'rim, which was the son of Măt'that, which was the son of Levi.

30 Which was the son of Simeon, which was the son of Ju'da, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jo'nan, which was the son of E-li'a-kim

31 Which was the son of Me'le-a, to unloose: he shall baptize you with the which was the son of Me'nan, which was the son of Măt'tà-thà, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it

David,

32 Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of O'běd, which was the son of Bö'öz, which was the son of Sāl'mön, which was the son of Nā-ās'csōn.

33 Which was the son of Å-min'ā-dāb, which was the son of Å'rām, which was the son of Es'rōm, which was the son of Phā'rēş, which was the son of Ju'dā,

34 Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thära, which was the son of Na'chör,

35 Which was the son of Sā'rūch, which was the son of Rā'gān, which was the son of Phā'lēc, which was the son of Hā'bēr, which was the son of Sā'lā,

36 Which was the son of Cā-i'năn, which was the son of Ār-phāx'ād, which was the son of Sēm, which was the son of Nō'ē, which was the son of Lā'mēch,

37 Which was the son of Mā-thū' sā-lā, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jā'rēd, which was the son of Mā-lē'lē-ĕl, which was the son of Cā-ī'nān,

38 Which was the son of E'nos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

CHAPTER 4

AND Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone

that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. 5 And the devil, taking him up into a

s and the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will. I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all

shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto here in thy country.

him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: 11 And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash the

foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him,
It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the

Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him

for a season.

14 ¶ And Jesus returned in the power
of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went
out a fame of him through all the region

round about.

15 And he taught in their synagogues.

being glorified of all.

16 ¶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet E-ṣā'iās. And when he had opened the book, he found

the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of

the Lord.
20 And he closed the book, and he gave

if again to the minister, and sat down.
And the eyes of all them that were in the
synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in

your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Ca-përnā-um, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said. Verily I say unto you. No prophet is accepted in his own

country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Is'ra-el in the days of E-li'as, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land:

26 But unto none of them was E-li'as sent, save unto Sà-rep'tà, a citu of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Ĭs'rā-ēl in the time of Ēl'ī-sē'ŭs the prophet: and none of them was cleansed, saving Nā'a-măn the Syrian.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled

with wrath.

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. 30 But he, passing through the midst

of them, went his way,

31 And came down to Ca-per'na-um. a city of Galilee, and taught them on the

sabbath days.

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power. 33 I And in the synagogue there was

a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, 34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?

art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

35 And Tesus rebuked him, saving, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saving, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean

spirits, and they come out.

37 And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about. 38 ¶ And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto

them.

40 C Now when the sun was setting. all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them. and healed them.

41 And devils also came out of many crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they

knew that he was Christ.

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him. and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

43 And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

44 And he preached in the synagogues:

of Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

AND it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake

of Gen-nes'a-ret.

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 And he entered into one of the ships. which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him. Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was astonished, and all that

were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zeb'e-dee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto sins. (he said unto the sick of the palsy.) shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and fol-

lowed him.

12 4 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy; who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saving, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

13 And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy

departed from him.

14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and show thyself to the priest. and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

16 ¶ And he withdrew himself into

the wilderness, and praved.

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Phar'i-sees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 ¶ And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him. Man, thy sins are for-

given thee.

21 And the scribes and the Phar'i-sees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can

forgive sins, but God alone?
22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them,

What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and

of man hath power upon earth to forgive The old is better.

Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lav. and departed to his own house, glorify-

ing God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying. We have seen strange things

27 Of And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he

said unto him, Follow me.

28 And he left all, rose up, and fol-

lowed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his own house; and there was a great. company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

30 But their scribes and Phar'i-sees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans

and sinners?

31 And Jesus answering said unto them. They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

32 I came not to call the righteous, but

sinners to repentance.

33 ¶ And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disci-ples of the Phar'i-sees; but thine eat and drink?

34 And he said unto them. Can ve make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with

35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

36 C And he spake also a parable unto them: No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old

37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bot-

tles shall perish.

38 But new wine must be put into new

bottles; and both are preserved.

39 No man also having drunk old wine 24 But that ye may know that the Son straightway desireth new; for he saith,

CHAPTER 6

ND it came to pass on the second abbath after the first, that he went through the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands.

2 And certain of the Phar'i-sees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days?

3 And Jesus answering them said. Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was ahungered. and they which were with him;

4 How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the showbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for

the priests alone?

5 And he said unto them. That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. 6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

And the scribes and Phar'i-sees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find

an accusation against him.

8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand. Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

9 Then said Tesus unto them. I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to

save life, or to destroy it?

10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

11 And they were filled with madness: and communed one with another what

they might do to Tesus.

12 And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

13 C And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles:

14 Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew,

15 Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon called Zē-lö'tēs

16 And Judas the brother of James,

and Judas Is-car'i-ot, which also was the traitor.

17 I And he came down with them. and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Si'don, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases:

18 And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

19 And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

20 ¶ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said. Blessed be ue poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ve shall be filled. Blessed are ue that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their

fathers unto the prophets.

24 But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

25 Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 ¶ But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy

goods ask them not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. 32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye

hope to receive, what thank have ve? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive

as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ve therefore merciful, as your

Father also is merciful.

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be

forgiven:

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

39 And he spake a parable unto them; Can the blind lead the blind? shall they

not both fall into the ditch?

40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own

eye?

42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast thou shouldest enter under my roof: out first the beam out of thine own eye and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eve.

43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree

bring forth good fruit.

44 For every tree is known by his own fauit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 ¶ And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built a house. and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it; for it was founded upon a rock.

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not. is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of

that house was great.

CHAPTER 7

NOW when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Cá-pēr'nā-um. 2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and

ready to die. 3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and

heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do

5 For he loveth our nation, and he

hath built us a synagogue.

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself; for I am not worthy that

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so

great faith, no, not in Îş'rā-ĕl.

10 And they that were sent, returning which is evil: for of the abundance of to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

> 11 I And it came to pass the day after. that he went into a city called Na'in; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12 Now when he came nigh to the gate

man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto

her, Weep not.

14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said. Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

began to speak. And he delivered him

to his mother.

16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and. That God hath visited his people.

17 And this rumor of him went forth

throughout all Tudea, and throughout all the region round about.

18 And the disciples of John showed

him of all these things.

19 M And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

20 When the men were come unto him. they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that

were blind he gave sight.

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ve have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the leners are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall

not be offended in me.

24 ¶ And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously appareled. and live delicately, are in kings' courts.

26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and

much more than a prophet.

27 This is he, of whom it is written, dred pence, and the other fifty. Behold, I send my messenger before

of the city, behold, there was a dead thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

29 And all the people that heard him. and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Phar'i-sees and lawyers 15 And he that was dead sat up, and rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

31 ¶ And the Lord said, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like?

32 They are like unto children sitting in the market place, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced: we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept.

33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ve

say, He hath a devil.

34 The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!

35 But wisdom is justified of all her

children.

36 ¶ And one of the Phăr'i-sēes desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Phar'i-see's house. and sat down to meat.

37 And, behold, a woman in the city which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Phar'i-see's house, brought an alabaster box of

ointment.

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Phar'i-see which had bidden him saw it, he spake within

himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him; for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith. Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hun-

42 And when they had nothing to pay,

therefore, which of them will love him choked it.

most?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman, since the time I came in, hath the word of God.

not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are fall away.

forgiven,

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Măg'da-lene, out of whom

went seven devils,

3 And Jō-an'na the wife of Chū'za Her'od's steward, and Susanna, and

4 ¶ And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a

parable:

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6 And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among thorns; and do it.

he frankly forgave them both. Tell me the thorns sprang up with it, and

8 And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit a hundredfold. that he, to whom he forgave most. And And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him

9 And his disciples asked him, saying,

What might this parable be?

10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is

12 Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 They on the rock are they, which when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard. go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and

bring forth fruit with patience.

16 ¶ No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come

abroad.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: many others, which ministered unto him for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

19 Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at

him for the press.

20 And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand

without, desiring to see thee.

21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and

22 II Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us man, out of whom the devils were dego over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed, he fell asleen: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with

water, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, Master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they

ceased, and there was a calm.

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

· 26 ¶ And they arrived at the country of the Găd-à-reneş', which is over

against Galilee.

27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters: and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

30 And Jesus asked him, saying. What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into

him.

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out in-

to the deep.

32 And there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they be ought him that he would suffer sayest thou, Who touched me? them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and place into the lake, and were choked.

it in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the parted, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

36 They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed

of the devils was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Găd-à-rēneş' round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear; and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.

38 Now the man, out of whom the devils were departed, besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus

sent him away, saying,

39 Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him. 40 And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.

41 ¶ And, behold, there came a man named Jā'i-rūs, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he

would come into his house:

42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged

43 III And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any

44 Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately

her issue of blood stanched.

45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and

46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is

gone out of me.

47 And when the woman saw that she the herd ran violently down a steep was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared 34 When they that fed them saw what unto him before all the people for what was done, they fled, and went and told cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

The twelve sent to breach and heal. The five thousand fed **ST. LUKE 8, 9**

be of good comfort: thy faith hath made such things? And he desired to see him.

thee whole; go in peace.

one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.

52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but

sleepeth.

53 And they laughed him to scorn,

knowing that she was dead.

54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.

55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded

to give her meat.

56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

CHAPTER 9

HEN he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure tude. diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into,

there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and

healing every where.

7 ¶ Now Her'od the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead:

8 And of some, that E-li'as had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.

9 And Her'od said, John have I be-

48 And he said unto her, Daughter, headed; but who is this, of whom I hear

10 C And the apostles, when they were 49 While he yet spake, there cometh returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Beth'sa'i-da.

11 And the people, when they knew it. followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of heal-

ing.

12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.

13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all

this people.

14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.

15 And they did so, and made them all

sit down.

16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven. he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multi-

17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

18 ¶ And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him; and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, E-li'as; and others say, that one of the old prophets is

risen again.

20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

21 And he straitly charged them, and

commanded *them* to tell no man that thing:

22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

23 ¶ And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever will save his life suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his that he foameth again, and bruising life for my sake, the same shall save it. him, hardly departeth from him.

25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world; and lose him- him out; and they could not.

self, or be cast away?

me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

some standing here, which shall not and healed the child, and delivered him taste of death, till they see the kingdom again to his father.

of God.

eight days after these sayings, he took wondered every one at all things which Peter and John and James, and went Jesus did, he said unto his disciples. up into a mountain to pray.

countenance was altered, and his rai-

ment was white and glistering,

E-li'as:

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accom- among them, which of them should be

plish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep; and when of their heart, took a child, and set him they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

parted from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and thee, and one for Moses, and one for same shall be great. E-lī'as: not knowing what he said.

cloud, and overshadowed them: and in thy name; and we forbade him, bethey feared as they entered into the cause he followeth not with us.

cloud.

35 And there came a voice out of the him not: for he that is not against us is cloud, saving, This is my beloved Son: for us.

hear him.

36 And when the voice was past. Tesus close, and told no man in those days go to Jerusalem, any of those things which they had seen.

37 C And it came to pass, that on the village of the Sa-mar'i-tans, to make next day, when they were come down ready for him. from the hill, much people met him.

38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son; for he is mine only child.

40 And I besought thy disciples to cast

41 And Jesus answering said, O faith-26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of less and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. 27 But I tell you of a truth, there be And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit,

43 I And they were all amazed at the 28 C And it came to pass about an mighty power of God. But while they

44 Let these savings sink down into 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his your ears: for the Son of man shall be

delivered into the hands of men.

45 But they understood not this saving. 30 And, behold, there talked with him and it was hid from them, that they pertwo men, which were Moses and ceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

46 Then there arose a reasoning greatest.

47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought by him,

48 And said unto them. Whosoever 33 And it came to pass, as they de- shall receive this child in my name receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth him that sent me: let us make three tabernacles; one for for he that is least among you all, the

49 ¶ And John answered and said, 34 While he thus spake, there came a Master, we saw one casting out devils

50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid

51 C And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be rewas found alone. And they kept it ceived up, he steadfastly set his face to

> 52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would

go to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt 39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as E-li'as did?

55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said. Ye know not what manner of

spirit ye are of.

56 For the Son of man is not come to out into the streets of the same, and destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

57 C And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not

where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first

to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead

bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them for you. farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of

God.

CHAPTER 10

AFTER these things the Lord ap-pointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways: behold, I send you

forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. 5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall

turn to you again.

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things

as are set before you:

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9 And heal the sick that are therein. and say unto them. The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter. and they receive you not, go your ways

say, 11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding, be ve sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sod'om.

than for that city.

13 Woe unto thee, Chō-rā'zīn! woe unto thee, Běth'sā'i-dà! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Si don, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Si'don at the judgment, than

15 And thou, Ca-per na-um, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down

to hell.

16 He that heareth you heareth me: and he that despiseth you despiseth me: and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

17 C And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. 18 And he said unto them, I beheld

Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names

are written in heaven.

21 ¶ In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom

the Son will reveal him.

23 ¶ And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are The good Samaritan. Jesus teacheth how to pray

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24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them: and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal

life?

in the law? how readest thou?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt

live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself. said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jěr'i-chō, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and heaven, so in earth. wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Le'vite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Sa-măr'i-tăn, as he

iourneved, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, spendest more, when I come again, I needeth. will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest

among the thieves?

37 And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

38 ¶ Now it came to pass, as they

the eyes which see the things that ye village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard

his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Tesus answered and said unto 26 He said unto him, What is written her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

CHAPTER 11

▲ND it came to pass, that, as he was A praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in

3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set

before him?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity Take care of him: and whatsoever thou he will rise and give him as many as he

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall thou, was neighbor unto him that fell find; knock, and it shall be opened unto

> 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of went, that he entered into a certain you that is a father, will he give him a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he

offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

14 C And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Bē-ĕl'zē-bub the

chief of the devils.

16 And others, tempting him, sought

of him a sign from heaven.

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation: and a house divided against a house falleth.

18 If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Be-el'ze-bub.

19 And if I by Be-el'ze-bub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

23 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me

scattereth.

24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith I will return unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth it

swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, as he spake company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that

stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

28 But he said, Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and

20 Cl And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign: and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jo'nas the prophet.

30 For as Jo'nas was a sign unto the Nin'ē-vites, so shall also the Son of man

be to this generation.

31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nin'e-veh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation. and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jo'nas; and, behold,

a greater than Jo'nas is here. 33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candle-

stick, that they which come in may see

the light. 34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eue is evil, thy body also is full of

darkness. 35 Take heed therefore, that the light

which is in thee be not darkness.

36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

37 I And as he spake, a certain Phari-see besought him to dine with him:

and he went in, and sat down to meat. 38 And when the Phar'i-see saw it, he marveled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Phar'i-sees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 Ye fools, did not he, that made that which is without, make that which is

within also?

41 But rather give alms of such things these things, a certain woman of the as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you, Phar'i-sees! for

Woe unto the Pharisees. Of hypocrisy and blashhemu

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of herbs, and pass over judgment and which is hypocrisy. the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other shall not be revealed; neither hid, that undone.

43 Woe unto you, Phar'i-sees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

44 Woe unto you, scribes and Phar'isees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves upon the housetops. which appear not, and the men that

vers, and said unto him, Master, thus can do. saving thou reproachest us also.

lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves I say unto you, Fear him. touch not the burdens with one of your

47 Woe unto you! for ve build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your

fathers killed them.

48 Truly ye bear witness that ve allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ve build their sepulchres.

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall

slay and persecute:

50 That the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zăch'a-ri'as, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily this generation.

52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

53 And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Phar'i-sees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: 54 Laying wait for him, and seeking to

they might accuse him.

CHAPTER 12

IN the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable to say unto his disciples first of all, Be-

ye tithe mint and rue and all manner ware ye of the leaven of the Phar'i-sees,

2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be known

Therefore, whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed

4 And I say unto you my friends, walk over them are not aware of them. Be not afraid of them that kill the body. 45 CT Then answered one of the law- and after that have no more that they

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye 46 And he said, Woe unto you also, ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea,

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is for-

gotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:

9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of

God.

10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

11 And when they bring you unto the I say unto you, It shall be required of synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall

12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to

13 ¶ And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. 14 And he said unto him, Man, who

catch something out of his mouth, that made me a judge or a divider over you? 15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of

the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, multitude of people, insomuch that saying, The ground of a certain rich they trode one upon another, he began man brought forth plentifully;

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saving. What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will neither moth corrupteth. pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and will your heart be also.

my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou your lights burning; hast much goods laid up for many years: take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be. which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ve shall eat: neither for the body, what ye shall put

23 The life is more than meat, and the

body is more than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ve

thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass. which is to-day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you. O ve of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat. or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of

doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 @ But rather seek ve the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be

added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

33 Sell that ye have, and give alms:

old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth

34 For where your treasure is, there

35 Let your loins be girded about, and

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and

serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ve

41 Then Peter said unto him. Lord. speakest thou this parable unto us, or

even to all?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. 45 But and if that servant say in his heart. My lord delayeth his coming:

and shall begin to beat the menseryants and maidens, and to eat and drink.

and to be drunken;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall

be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be provide yourselves bags which wax not beaten with few stripes. For unto

whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

49 I am come to send fire on the earth: and what will I, if it be already

kindled?

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with: and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

51 Suppose ye that I am come to give

five in one house divided, three against

two, and two against three.

the son, and the son against the father: the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughterin-law, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

54 C And he said also to the people. When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh

a shower; and so it is.

55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?

57 Yea, and why even of yourselves

iudge ye not what is right?

58 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.

59 I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last

mite.

CHAPTER 13

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans. whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent,

ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Si-lo'am fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent.

ye shall all likewise perish.

6 ¶ He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, 53 The father shall be divided against Lord, let it alone this year also, till $\hat{\mathbf{I}}$ shall dig about it, and dung it:

9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. 10 And he was teaching in one of the

synagogues on the sabbath.

11 ¶ And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman,

13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to

watering?

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17 And when he had said these things. all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him,

18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his

garden; and it grew, and waxed a great as a hen doth gather her brood under tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in her wings, and ye would not! the branches of it.

20 And again he said. Whereunto shall

I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal. till the whole was leavened.

22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying to-

ward Jerusalem.

23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them.

24 ¶ Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door. and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me,

all ye workers of iniquity.

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham. and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you vourselves thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east. and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down

in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first; and there are first which

shall be last.

31 The same day there came certain of the Phar'i-sees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence; for Hěr'od will kill thee.

32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to-day and to-morrow. and the third day I shall be perfected.

33 Nevertheless I must walk to-day, and to-morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which thee. killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would the poor, the maimed, the lame, the I have gathered thy children together, blind:

The strait gate. A lament for Jerusalen

35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER 14

▲ND it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Phar'i-sees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.

2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy, 3 And Jesus answering spake unto the

lawyers and Phar'i-sees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? 4 And they held their peace. And he

took him, and healed him, and let him

5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?

6 And they could not answer him again

to these things.

7 ¶ And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them,

8 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honorable man than

thou be bidden of him;

9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth

himself shall be exalted.

12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made

13 But when thou makest a feast, call

cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt him. he recompensed at the resurrection of

the just.

15 C And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

man made a great supper, and bade sand?

manv:

to say to them that were bidden, Come; and desireth conditions of peace.

for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him. I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee lost his savor, wherewith shall it be have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his him. servant, Go out quickly into the streets the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, ners, and eateth with them. and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is them, saying, done as thou hast commanded, and yet

there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant. Go out into the highways and hedges. and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall

taste of my supper.

25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them.

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my

disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build counteth the cost, whether he have I have found the piece which I had lost. sufficient to finish it?

foundation, and is not able to finish over one sinner that repenteth.

14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they it, all that behold it begin to mock

30 Saving. This man began to build.

and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that 16 Then said he unto him, A certain cometh against him with twenty thou-

nany:

32 Or else, while the other is yet a
17 And sent his servant at supper time great way off, he sendeth an ambassage,

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he

cannot be my disciple. 34 ¶ Salt is good: but if the salt have

seasoned?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

CHAPTER 15

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear

2 And the Phar'i-sees and scribes murand lanes of the city, and bring in hither mured, saying. This man receiveth sin-

3 I And he spake this parable unto

4 What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost. until he find it?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth

it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8 C Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

9 And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors a tower, sitteth not down first, and together, saying, Rejoice with me; for

10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the joy in the presence of the angels of God

two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and

there wasted his substance with riotous

living. 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and

he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did

eat: and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said. How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired

servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him. Father. I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be

called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 And he called one of the servants. and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother

is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

11 C And he said, A certain man had go in: therefore came his father out and entreated him.

> 29 And he answering said to his father. Lo, these many years do I serve thee. neither transgressed I at any time the commandment; and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

> 30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the

fatted calf.

31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is

thine.

32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

CHAPTER 16

AND he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man. which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him. How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself. What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lorda

6 And he said, A hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, A hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him. Take thy bill, and write four-

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of

light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of un-28 And he was angry, and would not righteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habi- finger in water, and cool my tongue; for tations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ve have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if we have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 I No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14 And the Phar'i-sees also, who were covetous, heard all these things; and

they derided him.

15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Tohn: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man press-

eth into it.

17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to

18 Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

19 I There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every

day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his

gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried:

23 And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Abraham, have mercy on me, and send the field, Go and sit down to meat?

I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said. Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us.

that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him. They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear 16 The law and the prophets were until not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

CHAPTER 17

THEN said he unto the disciples. It is impossible but that offenses will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3 ¶ Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him: and if he repent, forgive him.

4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent: thou shalt forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord. Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto 24 And he cried and said, Father him by and by, when he is come from

Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his 8 And will not rather say unto him,

Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded

him? I trow not

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do.

11 I And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Sa-ma'ri-a and Galilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Tesus, Master, have mercy on

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a

loud voice glorified God.

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Sà-mar'i-tan.

17 And Tesus answering said. Were there not ten cleansed? but where are

the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. 20 Cl And when he was demanded of the Phar'i-sees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of

God is within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples. The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor

follow them.

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be me, I will avenge her, lest by her con-.in his day.

25 But first must be suffer many things. and he rejected of this generation.

26 And as it was in the days of No'e. so shall it be also in the days of the Son

of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that No'e entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they

builded:

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sŏd'om it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all, 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when

the Son of man is revealed.

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house. let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 Two men shall be in the field: the one shall be taken, and the other

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

CHAPTER 18

AND he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2 Saying, There was in a city a judge. which feared not God, neither regarded

3 And there was a widow in that city: and she came unto him, saying, Avenge

me of mine adversary,

4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow troubleth

tinual coming she weary me.

unjust judge saith.

7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

.8 I tell you that he will avenge them very sorrowful: for he was very rich. speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on very sorrowful, he said, How hardly the earth?

9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised through a needle's eye, than for a rich others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Phar'i-see, and the

other a publican.

11 The Phar'i-see stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are. extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes

of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked

16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of

such is the kingdom of God.

17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.

18 And a certain ruler asked him, saving, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save

one, that is, God.

20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery. Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother.

from my youth up.

he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one 40 And Jesus stood, and commanded

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.

23 And when he heard this, he was

24 And when Jesus saw that he was shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier for a camel to go man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with

God.

28 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left

all, and followed thee.

29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake.

30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the

world to come life everlasting.

31 I Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Terusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gĕn'tileş, and shall be mocked, and

spitefully entreated, and spitted on: 33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death; and the third day he

shall rise again.

34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

35 I And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jer'i-cho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside begging: 36 And hearing the multitude pass by,

he asked what it meant.

37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou

Son of David, have mercy on me. 39 And they which went before re-21 And he said, All these have I kept buked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,

41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

CHAPTER 19

AND Jesus entered and passed through Jer'i-chō.

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zăc-chē'us, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, be-

cause he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him; for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zăc-chē' ŭs, make haste, and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down,

and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zăc-chē'ŭs stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him. This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

14 But his citizens hated him, and sent not have this man to reign over us.

a message after him, saying, We will

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said likewise to him. Be thou also over five cities.

20 And another came, saying, Lord. behold, here is thy pound, which I have

kept laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give

it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he

hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me. 28 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Beth'pha-ge and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives.

he sent two of his disciples,

30 Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither.

31 And if any man ask you, Why do 48 And could not find what they might ve loose him? thus shall ye say unto do: for all the people were very attenhim. Because the Lord hath need of tive to hear him. him.

32 And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said

unto them.

33 And as they were loosing the colt. the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

34 And they said. The Lord hath need

of him.

35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt. and they set Jesus thereon.

clothes in the way.

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

38 Saying, Blessed be the King that in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Phar'i-sees from among the multitude said unto him,

Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would im-

mediately cry out. 41 (And when he was come near, he

beheld the city, and wept over it, 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even long time. thou, at least in this thy day, the things they are hid from thine eyes.

43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round.

and keep thee in on every side, 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee: and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45 And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein.

and them that bought;

46 Saving unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer; but ye have

made it a den of thieves.

47 And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him.

CHAPTER 20

ND it came to pass, that on one of 1 those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,

2 And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this

authority?

3 And he answered and said unto them. 36 And as he went, they spread their I will also ask you one thing; and answer me:

4 The baptism of John, was it from

heaven, or of men?

5 And they reasoned with themselves. saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ve him not?

6 But and if we say, Of men; all the cometh in the name of the Lord: peace people will stone us: for they be per-

suaded that John was a prophet.
7 And they answered, that they could

not tell whence it was.

8 And Jesus said unto them. Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a

10 And at the season he sent a servant which belong unto thy peace! but now to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.

11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away

empty. 12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out,

13 Then said the lord of the vineyard. What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.

14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be

15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall

16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vine-

yard to others. And when they heard

it, they said, God forbid.

17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and au-

thority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saving, Master, we know that thou savest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute

unto Cæsar, or no?

23 But he perceived their craftiness and said unto them. Why tempt ye me? 24 Show me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Cæsar's.

25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Cæsar the things which be Cæsar's, and unto God the things

which be God's.

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marveled at his answer, and held their

peace.
27 ¶ Then came to him certain of the Săd'dū-çēes, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked him, 28 Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and

raise up seed unto his brother. 29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died

without children.

30 And the second took her to wife. and he died childless.

31 And the third took her; and in like more than they all:

the lord of the vineyard do unto them? manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died.

32 Last of all the woman died also. 33 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to

34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry.

and are given in marriage:

35. But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children

of the resurrection.

37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of

38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

39 Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.

40 And after that they durst not ask

him any question at all.

41 And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son?

42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 43 Till I make thine enemies thy foot-

stool. 44 David therefore calleth him Lord,

how is he then his son? 45 I Then in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples,

46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts

47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

CHAPTER 21

AND he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow

casting in thither two mites. 3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in

4 For all these have of their abundance which are in the midst of it depart out; cast in unto the offerings of God: but and let not them that are in the counshe of her penury hath cast in all the tries enter thereinto. living that she had.

5 ¶ And as some spake of the temple. how it was adorned with goodly stones

and gifts, he said,

6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there

7 And they asked him, saying, Master. what sign will there be when these

things shall come to pass?

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; them.

9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the

end is not by and by.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom

against kingdom:

Il And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. 13 And it shall turn to you for a testi-

mony. to meditate before what ye shall answer:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wis-

not be able to gainsay nor resist. 16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they

cause to be put to death. 17 And ye shall be hated of all men for

my name's sake.

18 But there shall not a hair of your upon you unawares. head perish.

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem the desolation thereof is nigh.

flee to the mountains; and let them Son of man.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be

fulfilled.

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great disshall not be left one stone upon another, tress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the but when shall these things be? and sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gen'tiles, until the times of the Gen'tiles be fulfilled.

25 ¶ And there shall be signs in the and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves

roaring

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and

great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; 30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these 14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generadom, which all your adversaries shall tion shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away.

34 ¶ And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come

35 For as a snare shall it come on all 19 In your patience possess ye your them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray alcompassed with armies, then know that ways, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall 21 Then let them which are in Judea come to pass, and to stand before the in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.

38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to

hear him.

CHAPTER 22

NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the passover.

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they

feared the people.

3 C Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Is-car'i-ot, being of the numher of the twelve.

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

5 And they were glad, and covenanted

to give him money.

6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be

killed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saving, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where wilt

thou that we prepare?

10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

11 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my

disciples?

12 And he shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready

the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire ready to go with thee, both into prison. I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16 For I say unto you. I will not any

the kingdom of God.

17 And he took the cup, and gave

37 And in the daytime he was teaching thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom

of God shall come.

19 Q And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance

20 Likewise also the cup after supper. saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

21 @ But, behold, the hand of him that betraveth me is with me on the table.

22 And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined; but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

23 And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them it was that

should do this thing. 24 C And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be ac-

counted the greatest.

25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gen'tiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

26 But we shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that

doth serve.

27 For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

28 Ye are they which have continued

with me in my temptations.

29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom. as my Father hath appointed unto me: 30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Is'rā-ĕl.
31 ¶ And the Lord said, Simon,

Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art con-

verted, strengthen thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am

and to death.

34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

35 And he said unto them, When I sent

vou without purse, and scrip, and shoes. lacked ye any thing? And they said. Nothing.

36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it. and likewise his scrip; and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the trans-

38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 ¶ And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives: and his disciples also followed him.

40 And when he was at the place, he upon him, and said, This man was also said unto them, Pray that ye enter not with him.

into temptation.

41 And he was withdrawn from them I know him not. about a stone's cast, and kneeled down. and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done.

him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat was as it what thou sayest. And immediately, were great drops of blood falling down while he yet spake, the cock crew.

45 And when he rose up from prayer. and was come to his disciples, he found

them sleeping for sorrow

46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

- 47 ¶ And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss
- 48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?
- 49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?

50 ¶ And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his

right ear.

51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and

the power of darkness.

54 Then took they him, and led gressors: for the things concerning me priest's house. And Peter followed afar him, and brought him into the high

55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among

them.

56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked

57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, 58 And after a little while another saw

him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.

59 And about the space of one hour 43 And there appeared an angel unto ing, Of a truth this fellow also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

63 ¶ And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him.

64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee?

65 And many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

66 Q And as soon as it was day, the elders of the people and the chief priests and the scribes came together, and led him into their council, saying,

67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe:

68 And if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go.

69 Hereafter shall the Son of man sit

on the right hand of the power of God. 70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them. Ye say that I am.

71 And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have

heard of his own mouth.

CHAPTER 23

AND the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, saying that he himself is Christ a king.

3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

5 And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

· 6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean.

7 And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Hěr'od's jurisdiction, he sent him to Her'od, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time.

8 ¶ And when Her'od saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.

9 Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him.

11 And Her'od with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.

12 ¶ And the same day Pilate and Her'od were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves

13 C And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people; and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found

Jesus before Pilate. Jesus sentenced

no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

15 No. nor yet Her'od: for I sent von to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

16 I will therefore chastise him. and release him.

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Bar-ab'bas:

19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into

20 Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. 21 But they cried, saying, Crucify him.

crucify him.

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let

him go. 23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified: and the voices of them and of the

chief priests prevailed. 24 And Pilate gave sentence that it

should be as they required.

25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

26 And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Çy-re'ni-ăn, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

27 ¶ And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented

28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck

30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills. Cover us

31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? 32 And there were also two others, Jesus crucified. His death and burial. His resurrection

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malefactors, led with him to be put to stood afar off, beholding these things. death.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors. one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast

35 And the people stood beholding And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen man before was laid. of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him. coming to him, and offering him vinegar 37 And saying, If thou be the King of

the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, This is the King OF THE JEWS.

39 C And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condem-

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be

with me in paradise.

44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst

46 I And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

50 ¶ And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counselor; and he was

a good man, and a just:

51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them:) he was of Ar'i-ma-thē'à, a city of the Jews; who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

52 This man went unto Pilate, and

begged the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never

54 And that day was the preparation.

and the sabbath drew on.

55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the command-

ment.

CHAPTER 24

TOW upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared. and certain others with them.

2 And they found the stone rolled away

from the sepulchre.

3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee

7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

8 And they remembered his words.

9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

10 It was Mary Măg'dà-lēne, and Jō-49 And all his acquaintance, and the an'na, and Mary the mother of James, women that followed him from Galilee, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

13 ¶ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emma'ŭs, which was from Jerusalem about

threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that

they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

18 And the one of them, whose name was Clē'ō-pās, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to

death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Is ra-ëi: and beside all this, to-day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which

were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the

prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered law of Moses, and in the properties things, and to enter into his glory? in the psalms, concerning me.

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of

their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed,

and hath appeared to Simon.

35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37 But they were terrified and af-

frighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40 And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb.

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Jesus blesseth his disciples and is parted from them

45 Then opened he their understand of my Father upon you: but tarry ye

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, suffer, and to rise from the dead the and blessed them.

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jeru-

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

ing, that they might understand the in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

49 ¶ And, behold, I send the promise praising and blessing God. Amen. 53 And were continually in the temple,

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CHAPTER 1

IN the beginning was the Word, and from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art the Word was with God, and the thou? Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with but confessed, I am not the Christ. God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the

light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God,

whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent

to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew

him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own

received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of

man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake. He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we re-

ceived, and grace for grace.

17 For the law was given by Moses, but

grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19 M And this is the record of John. when the Jews sent priests and Le'vites

20 And he confessed, and denied not:

21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou E-li'as? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that Prophet? And he answered,*No.

22 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? 23 He said, I am the voice of one cry-

ing in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet E-sā'iăs.

24 And they which were sent were of

the Phăr'ĭ-sēeş.

25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor E-li'as, neither that Prophet?

26 John answered them, saying, baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe-latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

28 These things were done in Beth! ăb'a-ra beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!

30 This is he of whom I said. After me cometh a man which is preferred before

me; for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Iş'rā-ĕl, therefore am I come baptizing with

32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

35 Again the next day after, John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, the Son of man.

he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rab'bī, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master.) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt. and abode with him that day: for it

was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard Tohn sbeak, and followed him, was Andrew,

Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Mes-si'as, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jo'na: thou shalt be called Ce'phas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip. and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Beth'sa'i-da, the

city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Na-than'a-el, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Na-thăn'ā-ĕl said unto him,

47 Jesus saw Na-thăn'a-ĕl coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Is'raĕl-īte indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Na-than'a-el saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, under the fig tree, I saw thee.

49 Na-than'a-el answered and saith unto him, Răb'bî, thou art the Son of God: thou art the King of Is'ra-el.

50 Tesus answered and said unto him. Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon

CHAPTER 2

AND the third day there was a mar-riage in Ca'na of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.

3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They

have no wine.

4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not vet come.

5 His mother saith unto the servants. Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

6 And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them

up to the brim.

8 And he saith unto them. Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants which drew the water knew.) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom.

10 And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.
11 This beginning of miracles did Tesus

46 And Na-tnama-ea same out of Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples be-

lieved on him.

12 ¶ After this he went down to Capēr'nā-um, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples; and they continued there not many days.

13 4 And the Jews' passover was at 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables:

16 And said unto them that sold doves. Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise.

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written. The zeal of thine house

hath eaten me up.

18 C Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days

I will raise it up.

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

body.

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23 T Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw

the miracles which he did.

24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, 25 And needed not that any should

testify of man; for he knew what was in man.

CHAPTER 3

HERE was a man of the Phar'i-👢 sēes, named Nīc'ō-dē'mŭs, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night. and said unto him, Răb'bî, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the

kingdom of God.

4 Nic'ō-dē'mus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the

Spirit is spirit,

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye

must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth. and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nīc'ō-dē'mūs answered and said unto him. How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Iş'rā-ĕl, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our

witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things. 21 But he spake of the temple of his and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 ¶ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must

the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 Tor God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be

saved.

18 ¶ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, be-

cause their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

22 T After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.

23 4 And John also was baptizing in Æ'non near to Sā'lim, because there John the Baptist's witness. Jesus and the Samaritan woman was much water there: and they came, parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his and were baptized.

24 For John was not yet cast into

prison.

25 Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the

Tews about purifying.

unto him, Rab'bi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest 8 (For his disciples were witness, behold, the same baptizeth, unto the city to buy meat.) and all men come to him.

27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him

from heaven.

28 Ye yourselves bear me witness. that I said, I am not the Christ, but that

I am sent before him.

29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom. which standeth and heareth him, re-joiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is thou hast nothing to draw with, and the fulfilled.

30 He must increase, but I must thou that living water?

decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth; he that and his cattle? cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth thirst again:

his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. 34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth

not the Spirit by measure unto him.

given all things into his hand.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

CHAPTER 4

THEN therefore the Lord knew VV how the Phăr'i-seeş had heard that Tesus made and baptized more disciples than John,

2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples.)

into Galilee. 4 And he must needs go through

Sà-mā'rĭ-à.

rī-a, which is called Sỹ'char, near to the at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

ST. JOHN 3. 4 son Joseph.

6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

7 There cometh a woman of Sa-ma-26 And they came unto John, and said ri-a to draw water: Jesus saith unto her.

Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away

9 Then saith the woman of Sa-mari-à unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Sa-ma'rī-a? for the Jews have no dealings with the Sa-mar'i-tans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee. Give me to drink: thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him. Sir. well is deep: from whence then hast

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children,

13 Jesus answered and said unto her. Whosoever drinketh of this water shall

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him. Sir. 35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath give me this water, that I thirst not,

neither come hither to draw.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Go. call thy

husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands;

and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem 3 He left Judea, and departed again is the place where men ought to worship.

21 Tesus saith unto her. Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye 5 Then cometh he to a city of Sa-ma' shall neither in this mountain, nor yet know what we worship: for salvation is of the Tews.

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and

in truth.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Měs-sī'as cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her. I that speak

unto thee am he.

27 I And upon this came his disciples, and marveled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith

to the men.

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the city, and

came unto him.

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat

to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat?

34 Tesus saith unto them. My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and

to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

bestowed no labor: other men labored, of Judea into Galilee. and ye are entered into their labors. 39 T And many of the Sa-mar'i-tans

of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Sa-mar'i-tans were

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we come unto him, they be sought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of

his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

43 C Now after two days he departed

thence, and went into Galilee.

44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country.

45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went

unto the feast.

46 So Jesus came again into Ca'na of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Ca-per'na-um.

47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not

believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him. Sir. come down ere my child die.

50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way: thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying,

Thy son liveth.

52 Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Tesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

54 This is again the second miracle 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye that Jesus did, when he was come out

CHAPTER 5

AFTER this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the

sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Be-thes'da, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6 When Tesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou he made whole?

7 The impotent man answered him. Sir. I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8 Tesus saith unto him, Rise, take up

thy bed, and walk.

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. 10 The Tews therefore said unto him

that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. 11 He answered them, He that made

me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12 Then asked they him. What man is that which said unto thee. Take up thy bed, and walk?

13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made

him whole.

16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Tesus, and sought to slav him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17 ¶ But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18 Therefore the Tews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself might be saved. equal with God.

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these, that ve may marvel. 21 For as the Father raiseth up the

dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life. and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have

life in himself: 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is

the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the

graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil. unto the resurrection of damnation.

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just: because I seek not mine own will. but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

32 II There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. 33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare

witness unto the truth.

34 But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye

35 He was a burning and a shining

light: and ve were willing for a season to

rejoice in his light.

36 C But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time,

nor seen his shape.

38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.

39 @ Search the Scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

40 And ye will not come to me, that ve

might have life.

41 I receive not honor from men.

42 But I know you, that ye have not the which remained over and above unto love of God in you.

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

44 How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of

47 But if ye believe not his writings. how shall ve believe my words?

CHAPTER 6

FTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tī-bē'rī-ās.

2 And a great multitude followed him. because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain. and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 ¶ When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? 6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a

little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him.

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Tesus said. Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number

about five thousand. 11 And Tesus took the loaves; and when

he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the

fishes as much as they would. 12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments

that remain, that nothing be lost. 13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves.

them that had eaten. 14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Tesus did, said, This is of a truth that Prophet that

should come into the world. 15 ¶ When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

16 And when even was *now* come, his

disciples went down unto the sea 17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Ca-per'na-um.

And it was now dark, and Tesus was not come to them.

18 And the sea arose by reason of a

great wind that blew.

19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Tesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship; and they were afraid.

20 But he saith unto them. It is I: be

not afraid.

21 Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

22 The day following, when the people, which stood on the other side of the sea, saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;

23 (Howbeit there came other boats from Ti-bē'ri-ās nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:)

24 When the people therefore saw that Tesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Ca-per na-um, seeking for Jesus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Răb'bī, when camest thou hither?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and

were filled.

27 Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of

God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that we believe

on him whom he hath sent.

sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert: as it is written. He gave them

bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily. verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth

life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord,

evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him

that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but eth me, even he shall live by me. should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

41 The Jews then murmured at him. because he said, I am the bread which

came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them. Murmur not among your-

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he

hath seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He 30 They said therefore unto him, What that believeth on me hath everlasting

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat

thereof, and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man

give us his flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drink-

eth my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and

my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eat-58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of in him.

this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Ca-per'nā-um. 60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is

a hard saying; who can hear it? 61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said

unto them, Doth this offend you? 62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

63 It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my

66 I From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve.

Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living

God.

70 Iesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a

71 He spake of Judas Is-car'i-ot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

CHAPTER 7

AFTER these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill

was at hand.

3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.

4 For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh things, show thyself to the world.

5 For neither did his brethren believe

6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time

is not yet come: but your time is always

7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up vet unto this feast; for my time is not

yet full come.

9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

10 Put when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in

11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?

12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

13 Howheit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 ¶ Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and

15 And the Jews marveled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent 17 If any man will do his will, he shall

know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his

glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the law,

and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?
20 The people answered and said,

Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?

21 Jesus answered and said unto them. 2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles I have done one work, and ye all marvel.

22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.

23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at to be known openly. If thou do these me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?

ance, but judge righteous judgment.

25 Then said some of them of Terusa-1em, Is not this he, whom they seek to

26 But, Io, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?

27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man

knoweth whence he is.

28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

29 But I know him: for I am from him.

and he hath sent me.

30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his

hour was not yet come.

31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?

32 The Phar'i-sees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Phar'i-sees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

33 Then said Tesus unto them. Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go

unto him that sent me.

34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.

35 Then said the Jews among themselves. Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gen'tiles, and teach the Gen'tiles?

36 What manner of saving is this that he said. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye

cannot come?

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall

flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit. which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet glorified.)

40 C Many of the people therefore, them not.

24 Tudge not according to the appear- when they heard this saying, said, Of a

truth this is the Prophet.

41 Others said. This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

42 Hath not the Scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?

43 So there was a division among the

people because of him.

44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Phar'i-sees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

46 The officers answered, Never man

spake like this man.

47 Then answered them the Phar'isees, Are ye also deceived?

48 Have any of the rulers or of the

Phar'i-sees believed on him? 49 But this people who knoweth not

the law are cursed.

50 Nic'o-de'mus saith unto them. (he that came to Jesus by night, being one

of them,) 51 Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?

52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

53 And every man went unto his own house.

CHAPTER 8

TESUS went unto the mount of Olives. 2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down. and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Phar'i-sees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in

the midst,

4 They say unto him. Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what

sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But given; because that Jesus was not yet Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and

wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn

thee: go, and sin no more.
12 ¶ Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

13 The Phar'i-sees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy

record is not true.

14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true; for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no

16 And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

17 It is also written in your law, that

the testimony of two men is true. 18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me bear-

eth witness of me.

19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour

was not yet come.

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe

not that I am he, ye shall die in your

25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those

things which I have heard of him.
27 They understood not that he spake

to them of the Father.

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone: for I do always those things that please him. 30 As he spake these words, many be-

lieved on him.

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed:

32 And ye shall know the truth, and

the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him. We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bendage to any man: how sayest thou. Ye shall be made free?

· 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth

sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed: but ye seek to kill me, because my word

hath no place in you.

38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39 They answered and said unto him.

Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

annot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill that hath told you the truth, which I timself? because he saith, Whither I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. of fornication; we have one Father, am even God.

your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; midst of them, and so passed by. neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my

speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44 Ye are of your father the devil. and the lusts of your father ye will do: he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 And because I tell you the truth, ve fest in him.

believe me not.

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ve therefore hear them not, be-

cause ye are not of God.

48 Then answered the Tews, and said unto him. Say we not well that thou art a Sa-măr'i-tăn, and hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil: but I honor my Father, and ye do dis-

honor me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. 51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

54 Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoreth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou see seen Abrahami

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, Then said they to him, We be not born I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I

59 Then took they up stones to cast at 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the

CHAPTER 9

AND as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made mani-

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am

the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Si-lo'am, (which is by interpretation. Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 ¶ The neighbors therefore, and they

which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and

begged?
9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. 10 Therefore said they unto him, How

were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Si-lo'am, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

12 Then said they unto him. Where is he? He said, I know not.

13 ¶ They brought to the Phăr'ī-sēes

him that aforetime was blind. 14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Phar'i-sees also 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay 57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do

16 Therefore said some of the Phar'i-

sees. This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said. How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again. What savest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said. He is a

prophet.

18 But the Tews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son. and

that he was born blind:

21 But by what means he now seeth. we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age: ask him: he shall speak for himself.

22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Tews: for the Tews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents. He is of

age; ask him.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said. Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and we did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be out. his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him, and said. Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses

disciples.

29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not but will flee from him; for they know

from whence he is.

30 The man answered and said unto them. Why herein is a marvelous thing. that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper door of the sheep.

of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man were not of God, he

could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him

out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the

Son of God?

36 He answered and said. Who is he. Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And

he worshipped him.

39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40 And some of the Phar'i-sees which were with him heard these words, and

said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say. We see: therefore your sin remaineth.

CHAPTER 10

ERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is

the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his

voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow. not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them; but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and

out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my

life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might

take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

19 There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.
20 And many of them said, He hath

a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? 21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

22 ¶ And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was

winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple in

Solomon's porch.

24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness

of me.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

30 I and *my* Father are one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou,

being a man, makest thyself God.

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the Scripture cannot be broken:

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am

the Son of God?

37 If I do not the works of my Father,

believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works; that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

39 Therefore they sought again to take him; but he escaped out of their hand, 40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first

baptized; and there he abode.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.
42 And many believed on him there.

CHAPTER 11

NOW a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou

lovest is sick.

4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for

Jesus raiseth Lazarus from the dead

the glory of God, that the Son of God he shall rise again in the resurrection at might be glorified thereby.

5 Now Tesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.

7 Then after that saith he to his disciples. Let us go into Judea again.

8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee: and goest thou thither again?

9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.

10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in

11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he

sleep, he shall do well.

13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly,

Lazarus is dead.

15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

16 Then said Thomas, which is called Did'y-mus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Tesus. Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother thou shouldest see the glory of God? shall rise again.

the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her. I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: T believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

28 And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come. and calleth for thee.

29 As soon as she heard that, she arose

quickly, and came unto him.

30 Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

31 The Yews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saving, She goeth unto the grave to weep there.

32 Then when Mary was come where Iesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the

spirit, and was troubled. 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Tews, Behold how he

loved him! 37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a

cave, and a stone lay upon it. 39 Tesus said. Take ve away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead. saith unto him, Lord, by this time he

stinketh: for he hath been dead four 40 Tesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe,

41 Then they took away the stone 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that from the place where the dead was laid,

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And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, in the temple, What think ye, that he Father, I thank thee that thou hast will not come to the feast?

heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which

Jesus did, believed on him.

46 But some of them went their ways to the Phar'i-sees, and told them what

things Jesus had done.

47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Phar'i-sees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

. 48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him; and the Romans shall come and take away both our

place and nation.

49 And one of them, named Ca'iaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all.

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;

52 And not for that nation only, but raised from the dead. that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scat-

tered abroad.

53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Tews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness. continued with his disciples.

55 4 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the pass-

over, to purify themselves.

56 Then sought they for Jesus, and

57 Now both the chief priests and the Phar'i-sees had given a commandment, always: but because of the people which that, if any man knew where he were, stand by I said it, that they may believe he should show it, that they might take

him.

CHAPTER 12

HEN Tesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper: and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Is-car'i-ot, Simon's son, which should

betray him.

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8 For the poor always ye have with you;

but me ye have not always.

9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had

10 I But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to

death:

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on

Jesus.

12 ¶ On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they into a city called E'phra-im, and there heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Iş'rā-ĕI that cometh in the name of the Lord.

14 And Jesus, when he had found a spake among themselves, as they stood young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's cast out.

colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him. and that they had done these things unto him.

17 The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead,

bare record.

18 For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had

done this miracle.

19 The Phăr'i-sēeş therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

20 T And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at

the feast:

21 The same came therefore to Philip. which was of Beth'sa'i-da of Galilee. and desired him, saving, Sir, we would see Jesus.
22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew:

and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. 23 ¶ And Jesus answered them, say-

ing, The hour is come, that the Son of

man should be glorified. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it: and he that hateth his life in this world

shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me: and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will mu Father honor.

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this

hour.

28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The people therefore that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your

31 Now is the judgment of this world:

15 Fear not, daughter of Si'on: behold, now shall the prince of this world be

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

34 The people answered him. We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this

Son of man?

35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

37 ¶ But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed

not on him:

38 That the saying of E-sa'ias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 Therefore they could not believe,

because that E-sa'ias said again. 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and

hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

41 These things said E-sa'ias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

42 W Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him: but because of the Phar'i-sees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out

of the synagogue: 43 For they loved the praise of men

more than the praise of God.

44 ¶ Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

45 And he that seeth me seeth him

that sent me.

46 I am come a light into the world. that whoseever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth

not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and

what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

CHAPTER 13

NOW before the feast of the pass-over, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Is-car'i-ot, Simon's son, to betray him; 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and

girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou him, that he should ask who it should

wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him. What I do thou knowest not now; but

thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands

and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all

clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet. and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and

ve say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to

wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ve should do as I have done to vou. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are

ye if ye do them.

18 ¶ I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the Scripture may be fulfilled. He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

19 Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe

that I am *he*.

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. 23 Now there was leaning on Tesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to

be of whom he spake.

25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith

unto him, Lord, who is it?

26 Jesus answered. He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Is-car'i-ot, the son of Simon.

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Iesus unto him.

That thou doest, do quickly.
28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

30 He then, having received the sop,

went immediately out; and it was night. 31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall myself: but the Father that dwelleth in

straightway glorify him.

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with vou. Ye shall seek me; and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you. That we love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ve are my disciples, if ye have love one to

another.

36 I Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus an- 14 If ye sh swered him, Whither I go, thou canst I will do it. not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterward.

37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lav

down my life for thy sake.

38 Tesus answered him. Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

CHAPTER 14

TET not your heart be troubled: ye 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so. I would have

told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the

way ve know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how

can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the wav. the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ve know him, and have seen

him.

the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

Father, and the Father in me? the words membrance, whatsoever I have said that I speak unto you I speak not of unto you.

' Jesus the way, the truth, and the life

me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father. and the Father in me; or else believe me

for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father

may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever:

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ve know him: for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I

will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more: but ve see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

20 At that day we shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in

21 He that hath my commandments. and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Is-căr'i-öt. Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Tesus answered and said unto him. If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us is not mine, but the Father's which sent

> 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all 10 Believest thou not that I am in the things, and bring all things to your re-

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, be-

cause I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it Father I have made known unto you. come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh,

and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

CHAPTER 15

AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now we are clean through the word

which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ve, except ve abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for

without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will,

and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ve bear much fruit; so shall ve be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you, fended.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do what-

soever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants: for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ve shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that

ye love one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that

it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they

know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloak for their sin.

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both. seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the

beginning.

CHAPTER 16

HESE things have I spoken unto Lyou, that ye should not be of-

2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he I said, A little while, and ye shall not see doeth God service.

3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the

Father, nor me.

4 But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither

goest thou?

6 But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart, 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It

is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness,

and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more:

11 Of judgment, because the prince of of the Father. this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto

you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto

you.

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you,

16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?

18 They said therefore. What is this that he saith. A little while? we cannot

tell what he saith.

19 Now Jesus knew that they were the world.

desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ve inquire among yourselves of that me: and again, a little while, and ve shall see me?

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you. That ve shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice; and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into jov.

21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish. for joy that a man is born into the world.

22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man

taketh from you.

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

24 Hitherto have ve asked nothing in my name: ask, and ve shall receive.

that your joy may be full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh. when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly

26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray

the Father for you:

27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ve have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.

30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now

believe?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ve might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome

CHAPTER 17

HESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou

gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. 6 I have manifested thy name unto the

men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of hast loved me.

thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have lovedst me before the foundation of believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast

given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world. but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine in them, and I in them. own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world. I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the

Scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of

the world:

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou and said unto them, Whom seek ye? shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth:

thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world. even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified

through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on

me through their word;

21 That they all may be one: as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one,

even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou

the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee. and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be

CHAPTER 18

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Ce'dron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus ofttimes re-

sorted thither with his disciples.

3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Phar'i-sees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth.

5 They answered him, Jesus of Naza-

reth. Tesus saith unto them. I am he. And Tudas also, which betrayed him, I said nothing. stood with them.

them, I am he, they went backward, them; behold, they know what I said. and fell to the ground.

7 Then asked he them again, Whom seek ve? And they said. Tesus of Nazareth.

8 Tesus answered. I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake. Of them which thou unto Ca'ia-phas the high priest.

gavest me have I lost none.

10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The He denied it, and said, I am not. servant's name was Măl'chus.

11 Then said Iesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not in the garden with him?

drink it?

12 Then the band and the captain and mediately the cock crew officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him.

13 And led him away to Annas first: which was the high priest that same year.

14 Now Ca'ia-phas was he, which gave counsel to the Tews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the this man?

people.

15 ¶ And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.

16 But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which death: was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and

brought in Peter.

17 Then saith the damsel that kept the not.

18 And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for this thing of thyself, or did others tell it it was cold; and they warmed them-selves; and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

Jews always resort; and in secret have

21 Why askest thou me? ask them 6 As soon then as he had said unto which heard me, what I have said unto

> 22 And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saving, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23 Tesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

24 Now Annas had sent him bound

25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him. Art not thou also one of his disciples?

26 One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee

27 Peter then denied again: and im-

28 ¶ Then led they Jesus from Ca-ja-phas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went for he was father-in-law to Ca'ia-phas, not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said. What accusation bring ve against

30 They answered and said unto him. If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31 Then said Pilate unto them. Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to

32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying

what death he should die.

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgdoor unto Peter, Art not thou also one of ment hall again, and called Jesus, and this man's disciples? He saith, I am said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou

thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests 19 The high priest then asked Jesus have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

20 Jesus answered him, I spake openly 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is to the world; I ever taught in the syna- not of this world: if my kingdom were of gogue, and in the temple, whither the this world, then would my servants the Tews: but now is my kingdom not greater sin.

from hence.

I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.
38 Pilate saith unto him, What is

truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ve therefore that I release unto you King! the King of the Tews?

40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Bär-ab'bas. Now

Bär-ab'has was a robber.

CHAPTER 19

HEN Pilate therefore took Tesus. I and scourged him.

2 And the soldiers platted a crown they put on him a purple robe.

3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. 4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I

find no fault in him. crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the

man!

6 When the chief priests therefore saving, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate Latin. saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

law, and by our law he ought to die, be- of the Jews. cause he made himself the Son of God.

saying, he was the more afraid;

est thou not unto me? knowest thou not throughout. that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

were given thee from above: therefore They parted my raiment among them,

fight, that I should not be delivered to he that delivered me unto thee hath the

12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art to release him: but the Jews cried out, thou a king then? Tesus answered, saving, If thou let this man go, thou Thou savest that I am a king. To this art not Cæsar's friend: whosoever end was I born, and for this cause came maketh himself a king speaketh against Cæsar.

13 When Pilate therefore heard that saving, he brought Tesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the

Hebrew, Găb'bà-thà.

14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your

15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered. We have no king but Cæsar.

16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they

took Jesus, and led him away.

17 And he bearing his cross went forth of thorns, and put it on his head, and into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgō-thà:

> 18 Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and

Jesus in the midst.

19 M And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE TEWS.

20 This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was and officers saw him, they cried out, written in Hebrew, and Greek, and

21 Then said the chief priests of the ify him: for I find no fault in him. Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of 7 The Jews answered him, We have a the Jews; but that he said, I am King

22 Pilate answered, What I have writ-

8 When Pilate therefore heard that ten I have written.

23 ¶ Then the soldiers, when they 9 And went again into the judgment had crucified Jesus, took his garments, hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art and made four parts, to every soldier a thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. part; and also his coat: now the coat 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speak- was without seam, woven from the top

24 They said therefore among themselves. Let us not rend it, but cast lots 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripno power at all against me, except it ture might be fulfilled, which saith,

and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25 T Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister. Mary the wife of Cle'o-phas, and Mary Mag'da-lēne.

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his bury. mother, Woman, behold thy son!

27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

things were now accomplished, that the for the sepulchre was nigh at hand. Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of THE first day of the week cometh vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Tesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said. It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the

ghost.

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sab- they have laid him. bath day, (for that sabbath day was a high day,) besought Pilate that their other disciple, and came to the sepullegs might be broken, and that they chre. might be taken away.

the legs of the first, and of the other came first to the sepulchre.

which was crucified with him.

33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they he not in. brake not his legs:

34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came

there out blood and water.

35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

36 For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of

him shall not be broken.

37 And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they

pierced.

38 ¶ And after this Toseph of Ar'i-mathe'a, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

Jesus dieth on the cross and is buried

39 And there came also Nic'o-de'mus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weiaht.

40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man vet laid.

nome. 42 There laid they Jesus therefore 28 ¶ After this, Jesus knowing that all because of the Jesus' preparation day;

CHAPTER 20

Mary Măg'dà-lēne early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where

3 Peter therefore went forth, and that

4 So they ran both together: and the 32 Then came the soldiers, and brake other disciple did outrun Peter, and

> 5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went

6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie.

7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by

itself. 8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre.

and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet they knew not the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again

unto their own home.

11 T But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.

12 And seeth two angels in white sit-

Jesus appeareth to Mary Magdalene and the disciples

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ting, the one at the head, and the other thrust my hand into his side, I will not at the feet, where the body of Jesus had believe.

lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them. Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

Tesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Răb-bō'nī; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

18 Mary Măg'dâ-lēne came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these

things unto her.

19 Then the same day at evening. being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw

the Lord.

21 Then said Tesus to them again. Peace be unto you: as my Father hath

sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ve the Holy Ghost:

23 Whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

24 ¶ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Did'y-mus, was not with them tude of fishes.

when Jesus came.

my finger into the print of the nails, and cast himself into the sea.

26 Q And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach 14 And when she had thus said, she hither thy finger, and behold my hands; turned herself back, and saw Jesus and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it standing, and knew not that it was into my side; and be not faithless, but

believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said

unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 ¶ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples. which are not written in this book:

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

CHAPTER 21

AFTER these things Jesus showed A himself again to the disciples at the sea of Ti-bē'rī-ās; and on this wise showed he himself.

2 There were together Simon Peter. and Thomas called Did'y-mus, and Nathăn'ā-ĕl of Cā'nà in Galilee, and the sons of Zěb'ē-dēe, and two other of his

disciples.

3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning was now come. Jesus stood on the shore; but the dis-

ciples knew not that it was Jesus.

5 Then Iesus saith unto them. Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multi-

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus 25 The other disciples therefore said loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. unto him, We have seen the Lord. But Now when Simon Peter heard that it he said unto them. Except I shall see in was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat his hands the print of the nails, and put unto him, (for he was naked,) and did dragging the net with fishes.

9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the

fish which ye have now caught.

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him. Who art thou? knowing that

it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Tesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 ¶ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jo'nas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jö'nas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith

unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jö'nas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time. Lovest thou me? Amen.

8 And the other disciples came in a And he said unto him, Lord, thou little ship, (for they were not far from knowest all things; thou knowest that I land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither

thou wouldest not.

19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him; Follow me.

20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following: which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he

that betrayeth thee?

21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

follow thou me.

23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

CHAPTER 1

HE former treatise have I made, O The-oph'i-lus, of all that Jesus

began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things per-

taining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water: but ye shall be baptized with the Holy

Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Is'ra-el?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for

power.

8 But we shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ve shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Sa-ma'ri-a, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of

their sight.

toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel:

11 Which also said. Ye men of Galilee. why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from manner as ye have seen him go into

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's to his own place.

journey.

went up into an upper room, where numbered with the eleven apostles.

abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alpheus, and Simon Zē-lō'tēs, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus,

and with his brethren.

15 I And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about a hundred and twenty,)

· 16 Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which

was guide to them that took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called, in their proper you to know the times or the seasons, tongue, A-cel'da-ma, that is to say, The which the Father hath put in his own field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms. Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and, His

bishopric let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Iesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be 10 And while they looked steadfastly a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Bär'sa-băs, who was surnamed

Justus, and Matth-ī'as.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all you into heaven, shall so come in like men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen.

25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas from the mount called Ol'i-vet, which by transgression fell, that he might go

26 And they gave forth their lots; and 13 And when they were come in, they the lot fell upon Matth-i'as; and he was

CHAPTER 2

AND when the day of Pen'te-cost was fully come, they were all with one

accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon

each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every

nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and mar-

veled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Pär'thĭ-ănṣ, and Mēdeṣ, and E'lămītes, and the dwellers in Mĕs'ō-pō-tā' mī-à, and in Judea, and Căp'pà-dō'cĭ-à, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrýg'ī-a, and Pām-phỹl'ī-a, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Çỹ-rē'nē, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Crētes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful

works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men

are full of new wine.

14 ¶ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour

of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken

by the prophet Toel:

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and

your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath;

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the

Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Îş'rā-ĕl, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be

holden of it.

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face; for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my

flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

noty One to see contuputon.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne:

31 He, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see

corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand

of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy mother's womb was carried, whom they Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ve now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on

my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Iş'rä-ĕl know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ,

37 I Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God

shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save your-selves from this untoward generation. 41 ¶ Then they that gladly received

his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together,

and had all things common;

goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be

saved.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Peter and John went up to- by him hath given him this perfe gether into the temple at the soundness in the presence of you all. hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple:

3 Who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eves upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking

and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly

wondering.

12 I And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people. Ye men of Is'rā-ĕl, why marvel ve at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, 45 And sold their possessions and and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was deter-

mined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Tust, and desired a murderer to be

granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16 And his name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect

17 And now, brethren, I wot that

through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

18 But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 ¶ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted

out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ;

which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren; like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 Ye are the children of the prophets. and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Tesus, sent him to bless you. in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

CHAPTER 4

AND as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sad'dū-cees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people; and preached through Jesus the

resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day; for

it was now eventide. 4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes.

Ca'ia-phas, and John, and Alexander. and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Terusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Is'ra-ël,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man. by what means he is made whole:

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become

the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any

other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 ¶ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves.

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Tesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

.21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding 6 And Annas the high priest, and nothing how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glori- feet; and distribution was made unto fied God for that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing

was showed.

23 ¶ And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his

Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Her'od, and Pon'ti-us Pilate, with the Gen'tiles, and the people of Is'ra-el, were gathered together.

28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be

done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word

30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Tesus.

31 I And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that aught of the things which he possessed was his own: but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Tesus: and great grace was upon

them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them. and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles'

every man according as he had need. 36 And Jo'ses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation.)

a Le'vite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

CHAPTER 5

DUT a certain man named An'àni'as, with Sapph-i'ra his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back bart of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles'

feet.

3 But Peter said, An'a-nī'as, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the

price of the land?

4 While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

 5 And An'a-nī'as hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard

these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing

what was done, came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much., 9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt. the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet.

of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. 10 Then fell she down straightway at. his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and

the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried herby her husband.

11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard

these things.

12 ¶ And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the rest durst no man join

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himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and

women;) 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them

on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might

overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude out of

the cities round about unto Jerusalem. bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 I Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Săd'dū-çēes,) and were filled with indignation.

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. 19 But the angel of the Lord by night

opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said. 20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to

the people all the words of this life. 21 And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Ĭş'rā-ĕl, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they re-

turned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and

teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council; and

the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly comman you that ye should not teach in thi name? and, behold, ye have filled Jen salem with your doctrine, and intend bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apos tles answered and said, We ought in obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Iş'rā-ĕl, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey

him.

33 When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to

slay them.

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Phar'i-see, named Ga-ma li-el, a doctor of the law, had in reputs. tion among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of Is'rā-ĕl, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men, 36 For before these days rose up Their

das, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him. were scattered, and brought to nought,

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him; he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men. it will come to nought:

39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to

fight against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 M And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

and preach Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 6

AND in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ve out among you seven men of honest report. full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this busi-

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry

of the word.

5 T And the saving pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Proch'o-rus, and Nicā'nôr, and Ti'mon, and Par'mē-nas, and Nicolas a proselyte of An'ti-och:

6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid

their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among

the people.

9 C Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Çy-reni-ans, and Alexandrians, and of them of Ci-li'ci-à and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he

spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said. We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council,

42 And daily in the temple, and in said. This man ceaseth not to speak every house, they ceased not to teach blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs

which Moses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, lookagainst the Hebrews, because their ing steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

CHAPTER 7

THEN said the high priest, Are these

things so?

2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Měs'ō-pō-tā'mĭ-à, before he dwelt in Char'ran.

3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall show

thee.

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chăl-dē'ăns, and dwelt in Chăr'răn: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ve now dwell.

5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no

child.

6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.

7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and

serve me in this place.

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day: and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy. sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was

with him.

10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of Phā'raöh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now there came a dearth over all

13 And set up false witnesses, which the land of Egypt and Chā'năan, and

great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13 And at the second time Toseph was made known to his brethren; and Toseph's kindred was made known unto Phā'raōh.

14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Tacob to him, and all his kindred. threescore and fifteen souls.

15 So Tacob went down into Egypt.

and died, he, and our fathers.

16 And were carried over into Sv'chem. and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Em'mor, the father of Sy'chem.

17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multi-

plied in Egypt, 18 Till another king arose, which knew

not Toseph.

19 The same dealt subtilely with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

21 And when he was cast out. Pharaöh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Is'rā-ĕl.

24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them; but they

understood not.

26 And the next day he showed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saving, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou didst the

Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at this saving, and was a stranger in the land of Ma'di-an. where he begat two sons.

30 And when forty years were expired. there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Si'na an angel of the Lord in

a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him.

32 Saying, I am the God of thy fathers. the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

33 Then said the Lord to him. Put off thy shoes from thy feet; for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

34 I have seen. I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt,

35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the

36 He brought them out, after that he had showed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 I This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me: him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sī'na, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into

Egypt,

40 Saving unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of

41 And they made a calf in those days. and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own

42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets. O ye house of Iş'rā-ĕl, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Mo'loch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond

Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gen'tiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers,

unto the days of David:

46 Who found favor before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Tacob.

47 But Solomon built him a house. 48 Howbeit the Most High dwelleth

not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these

things?

51 Te stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so

do ye.

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on

the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saving, Lord Tesus, re-

ceive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

ND Saul was consenting unto his 🕰 death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Sa-mā'rī-a, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation

over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the

word.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Sa-mā'rĭ-a, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles

which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Sa-ma'ri-a, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This

man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched. them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Sa-mā'rī-a had received the word of God, they sent unto

them Peter and John:

15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may

receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in

the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of

iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

25 And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Sa-mari-tans.

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south, unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gā'za, which

is desert.

27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Can'da-çē queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read E-sa'jas the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip.

Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet E-sā'jās, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up

and sit with him.

32 The place of the Scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the

earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and

preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be bantized?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Iesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the

eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing, 40 But Philip was found at A-zō'tis:

and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Çæs'á-rē'á. CHAPTER 9

AND Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why

persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou. Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told

thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice,

but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth: and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight.

and neither did eat nor drink.

10 I And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named An'à-ni'às; and to him said the Lord in a vision, An'ani'as. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tar'sus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ån'à-nī'ăs coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive

his sight.

13 Then An'á-nī'ăs answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on

thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gen'tiles, and kings, and the children of Îş'rā-ĕl:

16 For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

17 And An'a-nī'as went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy passed throughout all quarters, he came

sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. 18 And immediately there fell from his eves as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and

was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of

21 But all that heard him were amazed and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Tews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that

this is very Christ.

23 ¶ And after that many days were fulfilled, the Tews took counsel to kill

24 But their laving wait was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.

25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a

basket.

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a

disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in

and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 Which when the brethren knew. they brought him down to Cæs'a-re'a.

and sent him forth to Tär'sus.

31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judea and Galilee and Sa-mari-à, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, as Peter

Lvdda.

33 And there he found a certain man named E-ne'as, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Peter said unto him, E-ne'as, Tesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise. and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and

Sā'ron saw him, and turned to the Lord. 36 T Now there was at Jop'pa a certain disciple named Tăb'ī-thâ, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days. that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an

upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Jop'pa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would

not delay to come to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments tain vessel descending unto him, as it which Dorcas made, while she was with had been a great sheet knit at the four

40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tab'i-tha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she

saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up; and when he had called the alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Jop'pa; and many believed in the

Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Jop'pa with one Simon a tanner.

CHAPTER 10

HERE was a certain man in Cæs'àre'à called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

the ninth hour of the day, an angel of three men seek thee.

down also to the saints which dwelt at God coming in to him, and saving unto him. Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Jop'pa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is

Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner. whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to

Jop pa.

9 ¶ On the morrow, as they went on city. Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made

ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a cercorners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him.

Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I saints and widows, he presented her have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

> 15 And the voice spake unto him again. the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

> 16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven. 17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter.

were lodged there.

Fod always. 19 ¶ While Peter thought on the 3 He saw in a vision evidently, about vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold,

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down. and go with them, doubting nothing:

for I have sent them.

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius: and said, Behold, I am he whom ve seek: what is the cause wherefore ve are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by a holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren

from Top'pa accompanied him.

24 And the morrow after they entered into Cæs'à-rē'à. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in. Cornelius met him, and fell down at his

feet, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come to-

gether.

28 And he said unto them. Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have

sent for me?

30 And Cornelius said. Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is tongues, and magnify God. Then anheard, and thine alms are had in remem-

brance in the sight of God.

he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he baptized in the name of the Lord. Then cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him. and worketh righteousness, is ac-

cepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Is'rā-ĕl, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism

which Tohn preached:

38 How God anointed Tesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they

slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day.

and showed him openly:

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be

the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 ¶ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them

which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gen'tiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with

swered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that 32 Send therefore to Top'pa, and call these should not be baptized, which have hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be

prayed they him to tarry certain days. CHAPTER 11

ND the apostles and brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

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Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lyc'a-o'ni-a, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mer-cu'ri-us, because he

was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people,

crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven. and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all na-

tions to walk in their own ways. 17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had

not done sacrifice unto them.

19 ¶ And there came thither certain Jews from An'ti-och and I-co'ni-um, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Der'be.

21 And when they had preached the the law of Moses. gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lys'tra, and to

I-co'ni-um, and An'ti-och,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

24 And after they had passed throughout Pi-sid'i-a, they came to Pamphyl'i-a.

25 And when they had preached the to put a yoke upon the neck of the dis-

word in Pēr'ga, they went down into At'tà-lī'à:

26 And thence sailed to An'ti-och, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which

they fulfilled. 27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door

of faith unto the Gen'tiles. 28 And there they abode long time

with the disciples.

CHAPTER 15

AND certain men which came down from Judea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this ques-

3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenī'çē and Sa-mā'rī-a, declaring the con-

version of the Gen'tiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren. 4 And when they were come to Jeru-

salem, they were received of the church. and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Phar'i-sees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keen

6 ¶ And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. 7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gen'tiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts. bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us:

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why tempt ye God,

ciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall

be saved, even as they.

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gen'tiles by them.

13 ¶ And after they had held their beace, James answered, saying, Men peace,

and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gen'tiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the

prophets; as it is written.

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gen'tiles. upon whom my name is called, saith the

Lord, who doeth all these things. 18 Known unto God are all his works

from the beginning of the world. 19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we

trouble not them, which from among the "Gĕn'tīleş are turned to God:

20 But that we write unto them, that abide there still. they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath

day.

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to An'ti-och with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Bär'så-bäs. and Silas, chief men among the breth-

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gen'tiles in An'ti-ŏch and Syria and Ci-li'ci-à:

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law; to whom we gave no such commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul.

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to An'ti-och: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they

delivered the epistle:

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

33 And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

34 Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to

35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in An'tĭ-ŏch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 C And some days after. Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

37 And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was

38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Păm-phyl'i-a, and went not with them to the work.

39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Ci-li'ci-à, confirming the churches.

Ierusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him.

3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. 4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by

order unto them, saying,

5 I was in the city of Jop'pa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls

of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me,

Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed,

that call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Cæs'arē'à unto me.

12 And the Spirit bade me go with Moreover them, nothing doubting. these six brethren accompanied me. and we entered into the man's house:

an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Jop'pa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; 14 Who shall tell thee words, where-

by thou and all thy house shall be saved. 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Lord, how that he said, John indeed and Saul. baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, what was I, that I could withstand God?

18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying. Then hath God also to the Gen'tiles granted repentance unto life.

19 ¶ Now they which were scattered leavened bread.)

2 And when Peter was come up to abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phēni'cē. and Cyprus, and An'ti-och, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cy-re'ne, which, when they were come to An'ti-och, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number believed, and

turned unto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Terusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as An'ti-ŏch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, and full of

the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tär'sus. for to seek Saul:

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto An'ti-och. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Ăn'tĭ-ŏch.

27 ¶ And in these days came prophets

from Jerusalem unto An'ti-och.

28 And there stood up one of them 13 And he showed us how he had seen named Ag'a-bus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Cæsar.

29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which

dwelt in Judea:

30 Which also they did, and sent it to 16 Then remembered I the word of the the elders by the hands of Barnabas

CHAPTER 12

NOW about that time Her'od the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of un-

4 And when he had apprehended him. he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him the hand to hold their peace, declared forth to the people.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of

the church unto God for him.

6 And when Her'od would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow

9 And he went out, and followed him: and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a

vision.

10 When they were past the first and iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Her'od, and from all the expectation of

the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken,

named Rhoda.

14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they. It is his angel.

when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go show these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

18 Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers,

what was become of Peter.

19 And when Her'od had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Çæs'a-re'a, and there abode.

20 T And Her'od was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Si'don: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

21 And upon a set day Hěr'od, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

22 And the people gave a shout, saythe second ward, they came unto the ing, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

> 23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 W But the word of God grew and

multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Terusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

CHAPTER 13

TOW there were in the church that was at An'tĭ-ŏch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Ni'ger, and Lucius of Cỹ-rẽ'nẽ, and Măn'à-ĕn, which had been brought up with Her'od the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work

whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them. they sent them away.

16 But Peter continued knocking: and 4 ¶ So they, being sent forth by the

Holy Ghost, departed unto Se-leu'ci-a: suffered he their manners in the wilder. and from thence they sailed to Cyprus, ness,

5 And when they were at Săl'a-mis. they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

isle unto Pa'phos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Tew, whose

name was Bar'-je'sus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sēr'gi-us Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But El'y-mas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul. (who also is called Paul.) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes

on him.

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a not worthy to loose. mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at

the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Pa'phos, they came to not, nor yet the voices of the prophets Pēr'ga in Pam-phyl'i-a: and John de- which are read every sabbath day, parting from them returned to Jeru- they have fulfilled them in condemning

14 II But when they departed from Pēr'gā, they came to An'ti-och in Pisid'i-à, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Iş'rā-ĕl, and

ye that fear God, give audience 17 The God of this people of Iş'rā-ĕl chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with a high arm brought he them out of it.

19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chā'năan, he divided their land to them by lot.

20 And after that he gave unto them 6 And when they had gone through the judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

21 And afterward they desired a king and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis. a man of the tribe of Benjamin.

by the space of forty years.

22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony. and said. I have found David the son of Tesse, a man after mine own heart. which shall fulfil all my will.

23 Of this man's seed hath God, according to his promise, raised unto

Îs'rā-ĕl a Saviour, Jesus:

24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Is'ra-el.

25 And as John fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not he. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of his feet I am

26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the

word of this salvation sent.

27 For they that dwell at Terusalem and their rulers, because they knew him

28 And though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate

that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a sepul-

30 But God raised him from the dead: 31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his wit-

nesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers.

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up 18 And about the time of forty years Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this us, saying, I have set thee to be a day have I begotten thee.

him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise. I will give you the sure mercies of David.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy.

One to see corruption.

36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

37 But he, whom God raised again,

saw no corruption.

38 @ Be it known unto you therefore. men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the

prophets;

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42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gen'tiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 ¶ And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear

the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multi-tudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and

blaspheming

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gĕn'tiles.

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51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto

I-cō'nĭ-ŭm.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came to pass in I-co'ni-um, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gen'tiles, and made their minds evil

affected against the brethren.

3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace. and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews,

and part with the apostles.

5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gen'tiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them.

6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lys'tra and Der'be, cities of Lyc'a-oni-à, and unto the region that lieth round

about:

7 And there they preached the gospel. 8 ¶ And there sat a certain man at Lys'tra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who

never had walked: 9 The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and per-

ceiving that he had faith to be healed, 10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

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2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lys'tra and

I-cō'nĭ-ŭm.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him: and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number

daily.

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phryg'i-a and the region of Ga-la'ti-a. and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost trates, saying, These men, being Jews. to preach the word in Asia.

7 After they were come to Mys'i-a, they assayed to go into Bi-thyn'i-a: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mys'i-a came

down to Tro'as. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the

night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the thrust them into the inner prison, and gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Tro'as, we came with a straight course to Săm'ōthrā'cia, and the next day to Nē-ap'ō-lis;

12 And from thence to Phi-lip pi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that

city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 ¶ And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thỹ'à-tī'rà, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which

were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and

abide there. And she constrained us. 16 I And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by

soothsaving:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show

unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit. I command thee in the name of Tesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market place unto the rulers.

20 And brought them to the magisdo exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 C And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and

the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself. supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice. saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and

down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

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33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straight-

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his

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those men go.

36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore

depart, and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison: and now do they thrust us out privily? selves and fetch us out.

38 And the sergeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Ro-

mans.

39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them

to depart out of the city.

40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

CHAPTER 17

TOW when they had passed through there still. Ăm-phĭp'ō-lĭs and Ap'ŏl-lō'nĭ-a, 15 And they came to Thes'sa-lo-ni'ca, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days they departed. reasoned with them out of the Scrip-

tures.

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ when he saw the city wholly given to must needs have suffered, and risen idolatry. again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

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sprang in, and came trembling, and fell devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

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on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Ja'son, and sought to bring them out

to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Ja'son and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also:

7 Whom Ja'son hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, saving that there is another

king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Ja'son, and of the others, they let them go.

10 ¶ And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Bě-rê'à: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those nay verily; but let them come them- in Thes'sa-lo-ni'ca, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were

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13 But when the Jews of Thes'sa-lonī'ca had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Be-re'a. they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Ti-mo'the-us abode

15 And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Ti-mo' the-us for to come to him with all speed,

16 ¶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him,

17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the de-4 And some of them believed, and con- vout persons, and in the market daily

18 Then certain philosophers of the righteousness by that man whom he Ep'i-cu-re'ans, and of the Sto'ics, en- hath ordained; whereof he hath given countered him. And some said, What assurance unto all men, in that he hath will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

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thou speakest, is?

20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know there-

fore what these things mean.

21 (For all the Athenians, and strangers which were there, spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.)

22 I Then Paul stood in the midst of Märş, hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too

superstitious.

23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, To THE UNKNOWN God. Whom therefore ve ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in

temples made with hands:

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things:

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds

of their habitation:

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his

offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

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AFTER these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth: 2 And found a certain Jew named Aq'ui-la, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome.) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: (for by their occupation they were tent-

makers.)

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews

and the Greeks.

5 And when Silas and Ti-mo'the-us were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Tews that Jesus was Christ.

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gen'tiles.

7 I And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God. whose house joined hard to the syna-

gogue.

8 And Cris'pus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

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12 T And when Găl'li-ō was the deputy of A-chā'ia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,

13 Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Găl'lĭ-ō said unto the lews. If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:

15 But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters. 16 And he drave them from the

judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took Sos'thenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue. and beat him before the judgment seat. And Găl'li-o cared for none of those things.

18 II And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aq'ui-la; having shorn his head in Çen-chre'a: for he had a vow.

19 And he came to Eph'ē-sus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the

20 When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented

21 But bade them farewell, saving, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Eph'ē-sus.

22 And when he had landed at Cæs'àrē'a, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to An'ti-och.

23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Ga-la'ti-a and Phryg'i-a in order, strengthening all the disciples. 24 I And a certain Jew named A-pollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures,

came to Eph'e-sus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

synagogue: whom when Aq'ui-la and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the wav

of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into A-chā'jā, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: 28 For he mightily convinced the Jews. and that publicly, showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

CHAPTER 19

ND it came to pass, that, while A-pŏl'lŏs was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Eph'ē-sus; and finding certain disciples.

2 He said unto them. Have ve received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any

Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them. Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him. that is, on Christ Tesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them: and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve. 8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrăn'nůs.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles

by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought 26 And he began to speak boldly in the unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them. and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the Asia and the world worshippeth. name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sçe'va, a Jew, and chief of the priests,

which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said. Jesus I know, and Paul I know;

but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Tews and Greeks also dwelling at Eph'e-sus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Tesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds.

19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books to-gether, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God

and prevailed.

21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and A-chā' ia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

22 So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Ti-mothē-us and E-ras'tus; but he himself staved in Asia for a season.

23 And the same time there arose no

small stir about that way.

24 For a certain man named Dē-mē' trī-ŭs, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen:

25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have

our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Eph'ē-sus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

danger to be set at nought: but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all

28 And when they heard these sayings. they were full of wrath, and cried out saving, Great is Diana of the E-phase

sians.

29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Ga'ins and Ar'is-tar'chus, men of Macedonia Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30 And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered

him not.

31 And certain of the chief of Asia. which were his friends, sent unto him. desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32 Some therefore cried one thing. and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defense unto the people.

34 But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana

of the E-phē'sians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Eph'e-sus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the E-phē'sians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be

quiet, and to do nothing rashly, 37 For ye have brought hither these

men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

38 Wherefore if Dē-mē'trĭ-ŭs, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another.

39 But if ye inquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be deter-

mined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be called in 27 So that not only this our craft is in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse. 41 And when he had thus spoken, he

dismissed the assembly.

CHAPTER 20

ND after the uproar was ceased, A Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhor-

tation, he came into Greece,

3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed

to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia Số pả-têr of Bě-rê'a; and of the Thes sa-lo'ni-ans, Ar'is-tar'ehus and Se-cun'dus; and Ga'ius of Der'be, and Tī-mō'thē-ŭs; and of Asia, Tych'ī-cus and Troph'i-mus.

6 And we sailed away from Phi-lip/pi licly, and from house to house, after the days of unleavened bread, 21 Testifying both to the Jews, and after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Tro'as in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week. when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them. ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

upper chamber, where they were gath-

ered together.

young man named Eū'ty-chus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man unto you all the counsel of God. alive, and were not a little comforted.

13 ¶ And we went before to ship, and sailed unto As'sos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed. minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at As'sos, we took him in, and came to Mit'v-le'ne.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chi'os; and the next day we arrived at Sā'mos, and tarried at Tro-gyl'li-um; and the next dau we came to Mi-le'tus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Eph'e-sus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Terusalem the

day of Pěn'tē-cost.

17 I And from Mī-lē'tus he sent to Eph'e-sus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all

seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that 5 These going before tarried for us at was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you pub-

also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth

8 And there were many lights in the in every city, saying that bonds and

afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me. 9 And there sat in a window a certain neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have was long preaching, he sunk down with received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face

no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare

28 ¶ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God. which he hath purchased with his own blood

29 For I know this, that after my de-

among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise; speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day

with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace. which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or

gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ve yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ve ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 ¶ And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them

all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on

Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

CHAPTER 21

AND it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Co'os, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Păt'a-ra: 2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phē-ni'ci-à, we went aboard, and set lodge.

3 Now when we had discovered Cyprus. we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go

up to Jerusalem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

parting shall grievous wolves enter in of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptol'e-ma'is, and saluted the brethren, and abode with

them one day.

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Cæs'à-rē'à; and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days. there came down from Tudea a certain

prophet, named Ag'a-bus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gen'tiles.

12 And when we heard these things. both we, and they of that place, be-

sought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Terusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saving. The will of

the Lord be done. 15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.

16 There went with us also certain of the disciples of Çæs'à-rē'à, and brought with them one Mnā'sŏn of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. 18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gen'tiles by his

ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Tews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

21 And they are informed of thee, that 6 And when we had taken our leave one thou teachest all the Tews which are saving that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.

23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a

yow on them;

24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.

25 As touching the Gen'tiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood. and from strangled, and from fornica-

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of tongue, saying, Asia, when they saw him in the temple, Stirred up all the people, and laid hands

on him,

28 Crying out, Men of Iş'rā-ĕl, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Troph'i-mus an E-phē'sian, whom they supposed that Paul had

brought into the temple.)

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him. tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an

uproar:

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

among the Gen'tiles to forsake Moses, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains: and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

> 34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

> 35 And when he came upon the stairs. so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

> 36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain. May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek?

38 Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

39 But Paul said. I am a man which am a Jew of Tär'sus, a city in Çi-li'çi-a, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people. 40 And when he had given him license,

Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew

CHAPTER 22

MEN, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defense which I make now unto you.

2 (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence; and he saith,)

3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tär'sŭs, a city in Çĭ-lī'çĭ-à, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gà-mā'li-el, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers. and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into

prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Terusalem, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made 33 Then the chief captain came near, my journey, and was come nigh unto

Damascus about noon, suddenly there

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 And I answered. Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of air Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but that he should be examined by scourgthey heard not the voice of him that

spake to me. 10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be

told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 And one An'a-nī'as, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Tews which dwelt there. 13 Came unto me, and stood, and said

unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon born.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest him: and the chief captain also was know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and

heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saving unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testi-

mony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. 21 And he said unto me, Depart: for

I will send thee far hence unto the

Gen'tiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto shone from heaven a great light round this word, and then lifted up their about me.

voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

> 23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the

24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade ing: that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saving, Take heed what thou doest; for this man is a Roman.

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said. Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered. With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free-

29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 On the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

CHAPTER 23

ND Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

2 And the high priest An'a-ni'as commanded them that stood by him to

smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4 And they that stood by said, Re-

vilest thou God's high priest?

5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written. Thou shalt not speak evil of the

ruler of thy people.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Săd'dū-çēes, and the other Phăr'i-sēeş, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Phăr'i-sēe, the son of a Phar'i-see: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called vately, and asked him, What is that in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Phar'i-sees and the Săd'dū-cees; and the multitude

was divided.

8 For the Săd'dū-çēeş say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Phar'i-sees confess both.

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Phar'i-sees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not

fight against God.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness

also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

13 And they were more than forty

which had made this conspiracy.

14 And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

15 Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to-morrow, as though ye would inquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

18 So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside pri-

thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to-morrow into the council, as though they would inquire somewhat

of him more perfectly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready. looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him. See thou tell no man that thou hast

showed these things to me.

23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cæs'a-rē'a, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe

unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter after this manner:

26 Claudius Lys'i-as unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting. 27 This man was taken of the Tews, and

should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

28 And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council:

29 Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

30 And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell.

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to An-tip'a-tris.

men to go with him, and returned to since I went up to Jerusalem for to wor-

the castle:

33 Who, when they came to Cæs'are'a, and delivered the epistle to the temple disputing with any man, neither governor, presented Paul also before raising up the people, neither in the

34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he

was of Ci-li'ci-a:

35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Her'od's judgment hall.

CHAPTER 24

AND after five days An'a-ni'as the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Ter-tul'lus, who informed the governor toward God, and toward men. against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, Ter- bring alms to my nation, and offerings. tul'lus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy provi-

dence.

3 We accept it always, and in all places. most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few

5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

6 Who also hath gone about to profane have judged according to our law.

7 But the chief captain Lys'i-as came upon us, and with great violence took

him away out of our hands, 8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these

things, whereof we accuse him. 9 And the Tews also assented, saying

that these things were so. 10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, an-ness, temperance, and judgment to swered, Forasmuch as I know that thou come, Felix trembled, and answered, hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

32 On the morrow they left the horse- stand, that there are yet but twelve days

12 And they neither found me in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13 Neither can they prove the things

whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both

of the just and unjust.

16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense

17 Now after many years I came to 18 Whereupon certain Jews from Asia

found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult. 19 Who ought to have been here before

thee, and object, if they had aught against me.

20 Or else let these same here say, if they have found any evildoing in me, while I stood before the council.

21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

22 And when Felix heard these things having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lys'i-as the chief captain shall come the temple: whom we took, and would down, I will know the uttermost of your

matter. 23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty,

and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Dru-sil'la, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteous-Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

26 He hoped also that money should 11 Because that thou mayest under- have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him

27 But after two years Pôr'ci-us Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to show the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

CHAPTER 25

TOW when Festus was come into the IN province, after three days he ascended from Çæs'a-rē'a to Jerusalem. 2 Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and

besought him,

3 And desired favor against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.

he himself would depart shortly thither. 5 Let them therefore, said he, which forth. among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Cæs'a-rē'a; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to

be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Terusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous judged of these matters. complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

8 While he answered for himself. Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Cæsar, have I offended any

thing at all.

9 But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said. Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

10 Then said Paul, I stand at Cæsar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Tews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I rethese things whereof these accuse me. no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Cæsar.

appealed unto Cæsar? unto Cæsar shalt tus, I have determined to send him.

thou go.

13 And after certain days king A-grip pa him the oftener, and communed with and Ber-nī'ce came unto Cæs'a-re'a to salute Festus.

14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to

have judgment against him.

16 To whom I answered. It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have license to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

17 Therefore, when they were come 4 But Festus answered, that Paul hither, without any delay on the morshould be kept at Çæs'a-rē'a, and that row I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought

18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:

19 But had certain questions against him of their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked him whether he would go to Terusalem, and there be

21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Cæsar.

22 Then A-grip'pa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. Tomorrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

23 And on the morrow, when A-grip'pa was come, and Ber-ni'ce, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.

24 And Festus said, King A-grip'pa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with fuse not to die: but if there be none of me, both at Jerusalem, and also here. crying that he ought not to live any longer.

25 But when I found that he had com-12 Then Festus, when he had conferred mitted nothing worthy of death, and with the council, answered, Hast thou that he himself hath appealed to Augus-

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to

write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king A-grip pa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.

CHAPTER 26

HEN A-grĭp'pa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

2 I think myself happy, king A-grĭp'på, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Tews:

3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Terusalem, know all the Tews: 5 Which knew me from the beginning. if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a

Phăr'i-sēe.

6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

7 Unto which bromise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king A-grip'pa, I am accused of the Tews.

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise

the dead?

9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the

name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

a light from heaven, above the bright. ness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth. I heard a voice speaking unto me. and saving in the Hebrew tongue, Saul Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou per-

secutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee:

17 Delivering thee from the people. and from the Gen'tiles, unto whom now

I send thee.

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

19 Whereupon, O king A-grip'pa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly

vision:

20 But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gen'tiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to

kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gen'tiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself Festus said with a loud voice, Paul thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words

of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: 13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way for I am persuaded that none of these thing was not done in a corner.

27 King A-grip'pa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 Then A-grip'pa said unto Paul. Almost thou persuadest me to be a

Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Ber-ni'ce, and they that sat with them:

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying. This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said A-grip'pa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæsar.

CHAPTER 27

AND when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Ad'ràmyt'ti-um, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Ar'istär'chus, a Macedonian of Thes'salō-nī'ca, being with us.

3 And the next day we touched at And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go

unto his friends to refresh himself. 4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Ci-li'ci-à and Păm-phỹl'i-à, we came

to Mỹ'rà, a city of Lỹc'i-à.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he

put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnī'dus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmö'në:

8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called the Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the city of La-se'a.

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, be-Paul admonished them,

things are hidden from him: for this 10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship. more than those things which were

spoken by Paul.

12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phē-ni'cē. and there to winter; which is a haven of Crete, and lieth toward the southwest and northwest.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Eū-rŏc'lŏ-dŏn.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let

her drive.

16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much

work to come by the boat:

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, struck sail, and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they light-

ened the ship:

19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence, Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom

I serve.

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, God cause the fast was now already past, hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: seas met, they ran the ship aground: for I believe God, that it shall be even and the forepart stuck fast, and reas it was told me.

certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in A'drī-à, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country

28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and

found it fifteen fathoms.

29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under color as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,
31 Paul said to the centurion and to

the soldiers. Except these abide in the

ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes

of the boat, and let her fall off. 33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day

that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat; for this is for your health: for there shall not a hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all; and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer,

and they also took some meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls. 38 And when they had eaten enough,

they lightened the ship, and cast out

the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoisted up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two and were healed:

mained unmovable, but the hinder part 26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a was broken with the violence of the

> 42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should

swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all

safe to land.

CHAPTER 28

ND when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Měl'ĭ-ta.

2 And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and

fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the

fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island. whose name was Pub'li-us; who received us, and lodged us three days

courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Pŭb'li-ŭs lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came,

10 Who also honored us with many honors: and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor

and Pöl'lüx.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tar-

ried there three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhē'gi-um: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Pū-të'ō-li:

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days:

and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Ap'pi-i Fo'rum, and the Three Taverns; whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier

that kept him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Tews together; and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans:

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there

was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against it. I was constrained to appeal unto Cæsar: not that I had aught to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Is'rā-ĕl I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him. We neither received letters out of Tudea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came showed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is

spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by E-sa'ias the prophet unto our fathers,

26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ve shall see, and

not perceive: 27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing. and their eves have they closed: lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gen'tiles, and that they will hear it.

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great rea-

soning among themselves.
30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him.

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

ROMANS

CHAPTER 1

DAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy Scriptures,)

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith

both of you and me.

13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gen'tiles.

14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and

to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at was meet. Rome also.

salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the

truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known

of God is manifest in them; for God hath

showed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead: so that they are without

excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise,

they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own

bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the

creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into

that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which

28 And even as they did not like to 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel retain God in their knowledge, God of Christ: for it is the power of God unto gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not con- and as many as have sinned in the law venient:

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil

things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, im-

placable, unmerciful:

32 Who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

CHAPTER 2

HEREFORE thou art inexcusable. O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them

which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But, after thy hardness and impenitent heart, treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God:

6 Who will render to every man ac-

cording to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:

 8 But unto them that are contentious. and do not obey the truth, but obey un-

righteousness, indignation and wrath. 9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil; of the Jew

first, and also of the Gen'tile; 10 But glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good; to the Jew

first, and also to the Gen'tile: 11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: which is outward in the flesh:

shall be judged by the law;

13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the

law shall be justified. 14 For when the Gen'tiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ

according to my gospel.

17 Behold, thou art called a Tew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God.

18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law:

19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them

which are in darkness.

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that savest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonor-

est thou God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gen'tiles through you, as it is written.

25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Therefore, if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for

circumcision?

27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision,

29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

CHAPTER 3

THAT advantage then hath the V Jew? or what profit is there of sight; for by the law is the knowledge of circumcision?

2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the

oracles of God. 3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of

God without effect? 4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written. That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art

judged.

5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)

6 God forbid: for then how shall God

judge the world?

7 For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

8 And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

9 What then? are we better than they? No. in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gen'tiles, that they are all under sin;

10 As it is written, There is none

righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth. there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way. they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre: with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery are in their

ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not ham believed God, and it was counted

18 There is no fear of God before their

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his

sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets: 22 Even the righteousness of God

which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for

there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood. to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just. and the justifier of him which believeth

in Jesus.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds

of the law.

29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gen'tiles? Yes, of the Gen'tiles also:

30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and

uncircumcision through faith.

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

CHAPTER 4

HAT shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but

not before God.

3 For what saith the Scripture? Abraunto him for righteousness.

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works.

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2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of

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4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written. That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings. and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we sav? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)

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judge the world?

7 For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?

8 And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

9 What then? are we better than theu? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gen'tiles, that they are all under sin;

10 As it is written. There is none

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25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood. to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God:

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Tesus.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds

of the law.

29 Is he the God of the Tews only? is he not also of the Gen'tiles? Yes, of the Gen'tiles also:

30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and

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31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

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15 For ve have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children

of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

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32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

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SAY the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, 2 That I have great heaviness and

continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren. my kinsmen according to the flesh:

4 Who are Iş'rā-ĕl-ītes; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came. who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all

Îs'ră-ĕl. which are of Îs'rā-ĕl: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of

Abraham, are they all children: but. In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall

have a son.

10 And not only this; but when Rebec'ca also had conceived by one, even

by our father Isaac.

11 (For the children being not yet born. neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall

serve the younger.

13 As it is written. Tacob have I loved.

but E'sau have I hated.

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will

have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, is of faith.

eath, nor life, nor angels, nor princi- nor of him that runneth, but of God that

showeth mercy.

17 For the Scripture saith unto Pha! raoh. Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will

he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me. Why doth he vet find fault? For who hath

resisted his will?

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it. Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one

vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?

22 What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared

unto glory.

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Tews only, but also of the Gen-

tīleş?

25 As he saith also in O'see. I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living

God.

27 E-ṣā'iặs also crieth concerning Iş'rā-ĕl, Though the number of the children of Is'ra-el be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the

earth.

29 And as E-sā'iăs said before, Except the Lord of Săb'ā-oth had left us a seed, we had been as Sŏd'ō-ma, and been

made like unto Gö-mŏr'rah.

30 What shall we say then? That the Gen'tiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which

31 But Is'rā-ĕl, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not at- whom they have not believed? and how tained to the law of righteousness.

32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone:

33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Si'on a stumblingstone and rock of offense: and whosoever believeth on glad tidings of good things! him shall not be ashamed.

CHAPTER 10

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Iş'rā-ĕl is, that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to

knowledge.

3 For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that be-

lieveth.

5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law. That the man which doeth those things shall live by

6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down an Is'ra-el-ite, of the seed of Abrafrom above:)

7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from

the dead.)

8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised

him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between

the Tew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For E-sa'ias saith, Lord, who

hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

19 But I say, Did not Iş'rā-ĕl know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people. and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

20 But E-sā'iās is very bold, and saith. I was found of them that sought me not: I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

21 But to Is'rā-ĕl he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

CHAPTER 11

I SAY then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am ham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the Scripture saith of E-li'as? how he maketh intercession to God against Ĭs'rā-ĕl, saying,

3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets. and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Ba'al. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

7 What then? Is'ra-ĕl hath not obtained that which he seeketh for: but

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The Gentiles not to boast against Israel

rest were blinded

8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day,

9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto

10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their

hack alway.

11 I say then. Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gen'tiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gen'tiles; how

much more their fulness?

13 For I speak to you Gen'tiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gen' tiles. I magnify mine office:

14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and

might save some of them.

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so

are the branches.

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree:

18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the

root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in.

20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear:

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare

not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell severity: but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And they also, if they abide not still

the election hath obtained it, and the in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these. which be the natural branches, be graffed into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ve should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ve should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Is'ra-el, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Is'rā-ĕl shall be saved: as it is written. There shall come out of Si'on the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes; but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are

without repentance.

30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they

also may obtain mercy.

32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and

his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the

Lord? or who hath been his counselor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to

him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

CHAPTER 12

BESEECH you therefore, brethren, L by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect

will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the

same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, lef us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on

teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without dissimulation.

Abhor that which is evil: cleave to that

which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another:

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in

spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13 Distributing to the necessity of

saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice.

and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in than when we believed. you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but over-

come evil with good.

CHAPTER 13

LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no than he ought to think; but to think higher powers. For there is no soberly, according as God hath dealt to power but of God: the powers that he are ordained of God.

> 2 Whospever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to

themselves damnation.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon

him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject. not only for wrath, but also for conscience, sake.

6 For, for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear: honor to whom honor.

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another

hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this. Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness. Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saving, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the

armor of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying:

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh.

to fulfil the lusts thereof.

CHAPTER 14

HIM that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth

herhs.

3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for

God hath received him.

4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully per-

suaded in his own mind.

6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

7 For none of us liveth to himself, and

no man dieth to himself.

8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give

account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

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15 But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace.

and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things

wherewith one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but i

God. All things indeed are pure; but i is evil for that man who eateth with offense.

21 It is good neither to eat flesh, no to drink wine, nor any thing whereb thy brother stumbleth, or is offended

or is made weak.

22 Hast thou faith? have it to thyse before God. Happy is he that cor demneth not himself in that thing which e alloweth.

23 And he that doubteth is damned he eat, because he eateth not of faith for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

CHAPTER 15

WE then that are strong ought bear the infirmities of the wes and not to please ourselves.

2 Let every one of us please his neigh

bor for his good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himse but, as it is written, The reproaches them that reproached thee fell on r

4 For whatsoever things were writ aforetime were written for our learni that we through patience and comi of the Scriptures might have hope.

5 Now the God of patience and con lation grant you to be likeminded toward another according to Ch Jesus:

6 That ye may with one mind and mouth glorify God, even the Fathe

our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore receive ye one and as Christ also received us, to the a of God.

8 Now I say that Jesus Christ w minister of the circumcision for truth of God, to confirm the pror made unto the fathers:

9 And that the Gen'tiles might g' God for his mercy; as it is written this cause I will confess to thee a the Gen'tiles, and sing unto thy r Gen'tiles, with his people.

Gen'tiles; and laud him, all ve people. 12 And again, E-sa'ias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall

shall the Gen'tiles trust. 13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power

of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, be-

God, 16 That I should be the minister of ing the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gen'tiles might be acceptable. being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Tesus Christ in those refreshed.

things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any all. Amen. of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gen'tiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God: so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Il-lyr'i-cum. I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named. lest I should build upon another man's

foundation:

21 But as it is written. To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you:

24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you; for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you. if first I be somewhat filled with your combanu.

25 But now I go unto Terusalem to

minister unto the saints.

10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye 26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and A-châ'jà to make a certain 11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye contribution for the poor saints which are at Terusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily: and their debtors they are. For if the Genrise to reign over the Gen'tiles; in him tiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

> 28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit.

I will come by you into Spain.

29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you. I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ve strive tocause of the grace that is given to me of gether with me in your prayers to God for me:

> 31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Tudea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints:

> 32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be

> 33 Now the God of peace be with you

CHAPTER 16 COMMEND unto vou Phē'be our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Çen-chre'a:

2 That we receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also.

3 Greet Priscilla and Ag'ui-la, my

helpers in Christ Jesus:

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gĕn'tīles.

5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved E-pē'nē-tus, who is the firstfruits of

A-chā'ia unto Christ.

6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labor on us.

7 Salute Ăn'drō-nī'cŭs and Ju'nī-ā, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

8 Greet Am'pli-as, my beloved in the Lord.

9 Salute Ûr'bane, our helper in Christ.

and Sta'chvs my beloved.

10 Salute A-pël'lës approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Ar'is-to-bulŭs' household.

11 Salute Hē-rō'dĭ-ŏn my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

12 Salute Trỹ-phē'nà and Trỹ-phô'sà, who labor in the Lord. Salute the beloved Per'sis, which labored much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord.

and his mother and mine.

Salute A-syn'cri-tus. Phlē'gŏn, Hēr'mas, Pat'ro-bis, Hēr'mēs, and the brethren which are with them.

15 Salute Phi-löl'ō-gus, and Julia, Nē'reus, and his sister, and Ō-lym'pas, and all the saints which are with them. 16 Salute one another with a holy kiss.

The churches of Christ salute you.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on

your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and sumple concerning evil.

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with

you. Amen. 21 Ti-mö'thē-us my workfellow, and Lucius, and Ja'son, and So-sip'a-ter, my

kinsmen, salute you. 22 I Ter'ti-us, who wrote this epistle

salute you in the Lord.

23 Gā'iŭs mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. E-ras'tus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you and Quartus a brother.

24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Chris

be with you all. Amen.

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began

26 But now is made manifest, and b the Scriptures of the prophets, accord ing to the commandment of the ever lasting God, made known to all nation for the obedience of faith:

27 To God only wise, be glory throug Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

Written to the Romans from Corinthus, and se. by Phebe servant of the church at Cenchrea.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

DAUL, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and

Sos'the-nes our brother.

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Tesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

5 That in every thing ye are enrich by him, in all utterance, and in knowledge:

6 Even as the testimony of Christ

confirmed in you:

7 So that ye come behind in no waiting for the coming of our Tesus Christ:

8 Who shall also confirm you unto

end, that ye may be blameless in day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom ye

called unto the fellowship of his Tesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, the name of our Lord Jesus that we all speak the same thing, a but that ye be perfectly joined together things which are mighty: in the same mind and in the same

judgment.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chlo'e, that there are contentions among you.

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul: and I of A-pollos; and I of Çe'phas; and I of Christ.

13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

14 I thank God that I baptized none of

vou, but Cris' pus and Gā'ius:

15 Lest any should say that I had bap-

tized in mine own name. 16 And I baptized also the household

of Steph'a-nas: besides. I know not whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize,

but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.

19 For it is written. I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the

wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God. it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a sign, and the

Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

24 But unto them which are called. both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ye see your calling, brothren. how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble,

are called:

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak spirit of the world, but the Spirit which

that there be no divisions among you: things of the world to confound the

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not. to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his

presence.

30 But of him are ve in Christ Tesus. who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

CHAPTER 2

ND I, brethren, when I came to you, A came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ,

and him crucified

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of

God.

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world

unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of

glory.

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

AND I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

2 I have fed you with milk, and not to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of A-pol'los; are ye

not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is A-pollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 I have planted, A-pŏl'lŏs watered:

but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

9 For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ue are

God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this

foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a

reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved: yet so as by fire.

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God

dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that

he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God: for it is written. with meat: for hitherto ye were not able He taketh the wise in their own crafti-

20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are

vain. 21 Therefore let no man glory in men:

for all things are yours;

22 Whether Paul, or A-pol'los, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is

God's.

CHAPTER 4

ET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover it is required in stewards.

that a man be found faithful.

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that

judgeth me is the Lord.

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to

A-pŏl'lŏs for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

8 Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also

might reign with you.

9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to

10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honorable, but we

are despised.

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place;

12 And labor, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being

persecuted, we suffer it:

13 Being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye

followers of me.

17 For this cause have I sent unto you Ti-mo'the-us, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

18 Now some are puffed up, as though also that are without? do not ye judge

I would not come to you.

19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

20 For the kingdom of God is not in

word, but in power.

21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit the unjust, and not before the saints? of meekness?

CHAPTER 5

T is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gen'tiles, that one should have his father's wife.

2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from

among you.

3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our

Lord Jesus Christ,

5 To deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Tesus.

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ve not that a little leaven leaveneth the

whole lump?

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our pass-

over is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to

company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one, no, not to eat.

12 For what have I to do to judge them

them that are within?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

CHAPTER 6

ARE any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before 2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that per-

tain to this life?

4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.

7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? Why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and

that your brethren.

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his

own power.

15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make *them* the members of a harlot? God forbid.

16 What! know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot is one body? for two,

saith he, shall be one flesh.

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord

is one spirit.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a pleased to man doeth is without the body; but he leave him.

judge the world? and if the world shall that committeth fornication sinneth

against his own body.

19 What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and

in your spirit, which are God's.

CHAPTER 7

NOW concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the

wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his

own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

6 But I speak this by permission, and

not of commandment.

7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide

even as I.

9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn.

10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife

depart from her husband:

11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her

away.

13 And the woman which hath a husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but not abusing it: for the fashion of this now are they holy.

15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God

hath called us to peace.

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all

churches.

18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncir-

cumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

21 Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.

22 For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant.

23 Ye are bought with a price; be not

ve the servants of men.

24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is

good for a man so to be.

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek after my judgment: and I think also not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from that I have the Spirit of God. a wife? seek not a wife.

28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none:

30 And they that weep, as though they known of him. wept not; and they that rejoice, as 4 As concerning therefore the eating

14 For the unbelieving husband is though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

31 And they that use this world, as

world passeth away.

32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord. how he may please the Lord:

33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he

may please his wife.

34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I speak for your own profit: not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without

distraction.

36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

Nevertheless he that standeth 37 steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.

38 So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her

not in marriage doeth better.

39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord

40 But she is happier if she so abido,

CHAPTER 8

NOW as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet

as he ought to know.

3 But if any man love God, the same is

of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords

many,)

6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat if as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the

worse.

9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols:

11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom

Christ died?

12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak con-

science, ye sin against Christ.

13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

CHAPTER 9

AM I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?

2 If I be not an apostle unto others yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. 3 Mine answer to them that do ex-

amine me is this: 4 Have we not power to eat and to

5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cë'nhăs?

6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we

power to forbear working?

7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

8 Say I these things as a man? or saith

not the law the same also?

9 For it is written in the law of Moses. Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his

11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap

your carnal things?

12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should

live of the gospel.

15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die. than that any man should make my glorying void.

16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I

preach not the gospel!

17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

19 For though I be free from all men. yet have I made myself servant unto all,

that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ.) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with

you.

a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth

the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

CHAPTER 10

MOREOVER, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea:

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown

in the wilderness.

6 Now these things were our examples. to the intent we should not lust after eyil things, as they also lusted.

77 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroved of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were de-

stroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will 24 Know ye not that they which run in with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee

> from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge ve

what I say.

16 The cup of blessing which we bless. is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17 For we being many are one bread. and one body: for we are all partakers

of that one bread.

18 Behold Is'ra-ël after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in

sacrifice to idols is any thing?

20 But I say, that the things which the Gen'tiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ve cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and

of the table of devils.

22 Do we provoke the Lord to jeal-

ousy? are we stronger than he? 23 All things are lawful for me, but all

things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. 24 Let no man seek his own, but every

man another's wealth. 25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles. that eat, asking no question for conscience' sake:

26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the

fulness thereof.

27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go: whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience' sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that showed it, and for conscience' sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?

30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I

give thanks?

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gen'tiles, nor to the

church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

CHAPTER 11

BE ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and

the head of Christ is God.

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth

his head.

5 But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let

her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, for a much as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

8 For the man is not of the woman; but

the woman of the man.

9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely

that a woman pray unto God uncovered? 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given

her for a covering.

16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

17 Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come to-gether not for the better, but for the

worse.

18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church. I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are ap-proved may be made manifest among

you.

20 When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is

hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the

Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and

of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for is it therefore not of the body?

another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

CHAPTER 12

NOW concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you

2 Ye know that ve were Gen'tiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even

as ve were led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Tesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts.

but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of admin-

istrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of opera-

tions, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the

word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit:

10 To another the working of miracles: to another prophecy; to another dis-cerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every

man severally as he will.

many members, and all the members of miracles?

so let him eat of that bread, and drink that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

> 13 For by one Spirit are we all bantized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gen'tiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member.

but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body: is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body:

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member.

where were the body?

20 But now are they many members,

vet but one body.

21 And the eve cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more

feeble, are necessary:

23 And those members of the body. which we think to be less honorable. upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked:

25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should

have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer. all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members

rejoice with it. 27 Now we are the body of Christ, and

members in particular.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? 12 For as the body is one, and hath are all teachers? are all workers of

The more excellent way of charity. Of prophesying 1 CORINTHIANS 12-14

speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.

CHAPTER 13

*HOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass,

or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth

not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly. seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but re-

joiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease: whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we proph-

esy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall

be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child. I understood as a child. I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass. darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of

these is charity.

CHAPTER 14

FOLLOW after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

> 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhorta-

tion, and comfort.

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that

prophesieth edifieth the church. 5 I would that ye all spake with

tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds. how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the

battle

9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them

is without signification.

11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue. my spirit prayeth, but my understand-

ing is unfruitful.

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else, when thou shalt bless with the 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy that all may learn, and all may be comgiving of thanks, seeing he under- forted. standeth not what thou savest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God, I speak with

tongues more than ve all:

19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also. than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ve children, but in understanding be men.

21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not.

but for them which believe.

23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers. will they not say that ye are mad?

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is

judged of all:

25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpreta-Let all things be done unto edifying.

27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let

one interpret.

28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

29 Let the prophets speak two or three,

and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

32 And the spirits of the prophets are

subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of

the saints. 34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are com-

manded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing. let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in

the church. 36 What! came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But if any man be ignorant, let him

be ignorant. 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to

and in order.

prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently

CHAPTER 15

COREOVER, brethren, I declare IVI unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ve have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures:

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Ce'phas. then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James;

then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also. as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles. 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one. that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain: but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Therefore whether it were I or they. so we preach, and so ye believed.

12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not

Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them

that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they

that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall

have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroved is death.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, All things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized

for the dead?

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die

32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Eph'e-sus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die.

33 Be not deceived: evil communica-

tions corrupt good manners.

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

35 But some man will say, How are the

dead raised up? and with what body do

they come?

36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is

not quickened, except it die:

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own

39 All flesh is not the same flesh; but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the alory of the

terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is

raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural: and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly. such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image

of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be

changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on

immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written. Death is swallowed up in time. victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the

strength of sin is the law.

us the victory through our Lord Jesus

Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

CHAPTER 16

NOW concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Gá-la'tĭ-à, even so do ve.

2 Upon the first day of the week let no gatherings when I come.

3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

5 Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.

6 And it may be that I will abide. yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever

7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

8 But I will tarry at Eph'e-sus until

Pěn'të-cŏst.

9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

10 Now if Ti-mo'the-us come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I

also do.

11 Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

12 As touching our brother A-pol'los, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient

13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit vou like men, be strong,

14 Let all your things be done with

charity.

15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth the house of Steph'a-nas, that it is the firstfruits of A-cha'ja, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.)

16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with

us, and laboreth.

17 I am glad of the coming of Steph! a-nas and Fôr'tū-na'tus and A-cha'icus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.

18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye

them that are such.

19 The churches of Asia salute you. every one of you lay by him in store, as Aq'ui-la and Priscilla salute you much God hath prospered him, that there be in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

20 All the brethren greet you. Greet ve one another with a holy kiss.

21 The salutation of me Paul with

mine own hand.

22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be A-năth'ē-ma, Mār-an-ath'a.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Tesus. Amen.

The first epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi by Stephanas, and Fortunatus, and Achaicus, and Timotheus.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all A-cha'ja:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus

Christ

3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort:

4 Who comfortest us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth

by Christ.

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of

the consolation.

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the

dead:

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-

ward.

13 For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the

Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might

have a second benefit;

16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judea.

17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea, yea, and nay, nay?

18 But as God is true, our word toward

you was not yea and nay.

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Sil-va'nus and Ti-mō' thē-us, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the

glory of God by us.

21 Now he which stablisheth us with

God:

22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ve stand.

CHAPTER 2

BUT I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.

2 For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me?

when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice: having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ve should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may

not overcharge you all. 6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

10 To whom ve forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his istration of righteousness exceed in devices.

12 Furthermore, when I came to Tro'as to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,

13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

14 Now thanks be unto God, which we use great plainness of speech: always causeth us to triumph in Christ,

vou in Christ, and hath anointed us, is and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place.

15 For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

16 To the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sin. cerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

CHAPTER 3

O we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to 3 And I wrote this same unto you, lest, you, or letters of commendation from

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart.

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God:

6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter. but of the spirit: for the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life.

7 But if the ministration of death written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Iş'rā-li could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance: which glory was to be done away;

8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

9 For if the ministration of condemna. tion be glory, much more doth the minglory.

10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

12 Seeing then that we have such hope, 13 And not as Moses, which put a

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yeil over his face, that the children of Iş'rā-ĕl could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and

where the Spirit of the Lord is, there

is liberty.

18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received

mercy, we faint not:

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but, by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to

them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves

your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power

may be of God, and not of us.

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast

down, but not destroyed;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death worketh in us, but life

in vou.

13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with

you.

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of

glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

CHAPTER 5

FOR we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house

which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall

not be found naked.

4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the

Spirit.

of Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are about from the Lord:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

9 Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body,

it be good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have comewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For whether we be beside ourselves. is to God: or whether we be sober, it

is for your cause.

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of

reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of Be'li-al? or what part hath he that bereconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be

ye recordiled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

CHAPTER 6

TE then, as workers together ye receive not the grace of God in vain. the Lord Almighty.

2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

3 Giving no offense in any thing, that

according to that he hath done, whether the ministry be not blamed:

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in

fastings:

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on

the right hand and on the left,

8 By honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9 As unknown, and uet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chas-

tened, and not killed:

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 O ue Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged. 12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye

are straitened in your own bowels. 13 Now for a recompense in the same. (I speak as unto my children.) be ye also

enlarged.

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with

lieveth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said. I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ve separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing:

and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and with him, beseech you also that ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith

CHAPTER 7

TAVING therefore these promises. dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have de-

frauded no man.

3 I speak not this to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our

hearts to die and live with vou.

4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorving of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.

6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us

by the coming of Titus:

7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were

but for a season.

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh

death.

11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

12 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joved we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all. 14 For if I have boasted any thing to

him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things to you in truth, even so our boasting, which I made before Titus.

is found a truth.

15 And his inward affection is more abundant toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ve received him.

16 I rejoice therefore that I have con-

fidence in you in all things.

CHAPTER 8

OREOVER, brethren, we do vou IVI to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

2 How that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were will-

ing of themselves:

4 Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And this they did, not as we hoped. but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. 6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in

this grace also.

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be

forward a year ago.

11 Now therefore perform the doing of it: that as there was a readiness to will. so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

12 For if there be first a willing mind. 13 Therefore we were comforted in it is accepted according to that a man hath. and not according to that he hath

13 For I mean not that other men be

eased, and ve burdened:

14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want; that there may be equality:

15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that

had gathered little had no lack.

16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation: but being more forward, of his

own accord he went unto you.

18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches:

19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:

20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is

administered by us:

21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in ness:)

the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.

23 Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellow helper concerning you: or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

24 Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

CHAPTER 9

OR as touching the ministering to If the saints, it is superfluous for me

to write to you:

2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that A-cha'ia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this

4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall rean

also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ve. always having all sufficiency in all things, may

abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor; his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food. and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteous-

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us

thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints. but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God:

13 While by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace

of God in you.

15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

CHAPTER 10

NOW I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that conbehalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: fidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we

do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds:)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ:

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience

is fulfilled.

7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be

ashamed:

9 That I may not seem as if I would

terrify you by letters.

10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

11 Let such a one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed

when we are present.

12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

13 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even

unto vou.

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you; for we are come as far as to you also in breaching the gospel of Christ:

15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labors; but having hope, when your faith is in-creased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

16 To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.

17 But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

CHAPTER 11

X 70ULD to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly; and indeed bear with me.

2 For I am jealous over you with godly ealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a

chaste virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted. from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which we have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

5 For I suppose I was not a whit be-

hind the very chiefest apostles.

6 But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.

7 Have I committed an offense in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel

of God freely?

8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

9 And when I was present with you. and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto

you, and so will I keep myself.

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the

regions of A-chā'ià.

11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.

12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful

workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his

ministers of righteousness; whose end to apprehend me: shall be according to their works.

16 I say again. Let no man think me a was I let down by the wall, and escaped fool; if otherwise, yet as a fool receive his hands.

me, that I may boast myself a little.

17 That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

yourselves are wise.

20 For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour uou, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

21 I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit, whereinsoever any is bold. (I speak

foolishly,) I am bold also.

22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Is ra-el-ites? so am I. Are they the myself I will not glory, but in mine

seed of Abraham? so am I.

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool.) I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I of me.

forty stripes save one.

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in

the deep:

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and naked-

ness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily. the care of all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

32 In Damascus the governor under Ar'ē-tas the king kept the city of the ferior to other churches, except it be

ministers also be transformed as the Dam'a-scenes with a garrison, desirous

33 And through a window in a basket

CHAPTER 12

T is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and

revelations of the Lord.

2 I knew a man in Christ above four-19 For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye teen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot

tell. God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words. which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such a one will I glory: vet of infirmities.

6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

13 For what is it wherein ye were in-

you? forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you; for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

17 Did I make a gain of you by any of

them whom I sent unto you?

18 I desired Titus, and with him I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? walked we not in the same steps?

19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly be-

loved, for your edifying.

20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

21 And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

CHAPTER 13

HIS is the third time I am coming I to you. In the mouth of two or of the three witnesses shall every word be Amen. established.

2 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and

that I myself was not burdensome to being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not

weak, but is mighty in you.

4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ve not your own selves, how that Tesus Christ is in you, except ye be

reprobates?

6 But I trust that ye shall know that we

are not reprobates.

7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil: not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

8 For we can do nothing against the

truth, but for the truth.

9 For we are glad, when we are weak. and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and

peace shall be with you.

12 Greet one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

The second *epistle* to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

GALATIANS

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead:)

2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Ga-la'ti-a:

3 Grace be to you, and peace, from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

5 To whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would per-

vert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him

be accursed.

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not

after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the reve-

lation of Jesus Christ.

13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

14 And profited in the Jews' seligion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of

the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood;

17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned

again unto Damascus.

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

19 But other of the apostles saw I none,

save James the Lord's brother.

20 Now the things which I write unto

you, behold, before God, I lie not.
21 Afterward I came into the regions of

Syria and Çi-li'ci-à;
22 And was unknown by face unto the

churches of Judea which were in Christ: 23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

24 And they glorified God in me.

CHAPTER 2

THEN fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.

2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gen'tiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain,

3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be

circumcised:

4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 But of those who seemed to be some-

what, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the for if righteousness come by the law, circumcision was unto Peter:

8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me to-

ward the Gen'tiles:)

9 And when James, Çē'phas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I

also was forward to do.

11 But when Peter was come to An' ti-och, I withstood him to the face, be-

cause he was to be blamed.

12 For before that certain came from Tames, he did eat with the Gen'tiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

13 And the other Tews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dis-

simulation.

14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gen'tiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Tews?

16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister

of sin? God forbid.

18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed. I make myself a transgressor.

19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,

7 But contrarivise, when they saw that who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: then Christ is dead in vain.

CHAPTER 3

FOOLISH Gà-lā'tiăns, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the

law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are ve so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have ve suffered so many things in

vain? if it be yet in vain.

5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ve therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of

Abraham.

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then they which be of faith are

blessed with faithful Abraham.

10 For as many as are of the works of 15 We who are Jews by nature, and the law are under the curse: for it is not sinners of the Gen'tiles, written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident; for,

The just shall live by faith.

12 And the law is not of faith: but. The man that doeth them shall live in them.

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written. Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gen'tiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner

of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were

to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And a woman, made under the law,

to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul. that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it

to Abraham by promise.

19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of

one, but God is one.

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

22 But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Tesus Christ might be given to them

that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterward be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are

no longer under a schoolmaster.

faith in Christ Tesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is

neither male nor female: for ve are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ve Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

CHAPTER 4

NOW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children,

were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was

the promises made. He saith not, And come. God sent forth his Son, made of

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption

of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your

hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir

of God through Christ.

8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ve did service unto them which by

nature are no gods.

9 But now, after that ve have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ve again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

10 Ye observe days, and months, and

times, and years.

11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain.

12 Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am: for I am as ye are: ye have not injured

me at all.

13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ve despised not, nor rejected: but received me as an angel of God. even

as Christ Tesus.

15 Where is then the blessedness ve spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have 26 For ye are all the children of God by plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

16 Am I therefore become your enemy,

because I tell you the truth?

17 They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

18 But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.

19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

20 I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free woman.

23 But he who was of the bondwoman

was born after the flesh; but he of the

free woman was by promise.

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants: the one from the mount Si'nai, which gendereth to bondage, which is A'gar.

25 For this A'gar is mount Si'nai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her

children.

26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath a husband.

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are

the children of promise.

29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

30 Nevertheless what saith the Scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

CHAPTER 5

CTAND fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit

you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do

the whole law.

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law: ve are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the

hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ve should not obey the truth?

8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.

9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole

10 I have confidence in you through the

Lord, that ye will be none otherwise be tempted.

minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offense of the cross ceased.

12 I would they were even cut off which

trouble you.

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy

neighbor as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that we cannot do the things that ve would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are

not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, sedi-tions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness,

goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against

such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also

walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another.

CHAPTER 6

RETHREN, if a man be overtaken D in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness: considering thyself, lest thou also

Of well doing, Blessings in Christ

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in

all good things.
7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth that shall

for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall

of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing:

for in due season we shall reap, if we

faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

11 Ye see how large a letter I have

written unto you with mine own hand, 12 As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should

suffer persecution for the cross of Christ, 13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may

14 But God forbid that I should glory,

glory in your flesh.

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircum-

cision, but a new creature.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Iş'rā-ĕl of God.

17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen, ¶Unto the Galatians written from Rome.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Eph'ē-sūs, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus

Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without

blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved: 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the funess of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth;

even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that

ve believed, ve were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Tesus, and love

unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty

power

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when him at his own right hand in the world:

heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over

all things to the church.

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

CHAPTER 2

AND you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ. (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly blaces

in Christ Tesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the

gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should

boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. which God hath before ordained that we

should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that we being in time past Gen'tiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh

made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Iş'rā-ĕl, and strangers from the covenants of promise, havhe raised him from the dead, and set ing no hope, and without God in the

13 But now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometime were far off are made nigh by

the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, hav-

ing slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God:

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner

stone:

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord:

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22 In whom ve also are builded together for a habitation of God through grounded in love, the Spirit.

CHAPTER 3

FOR this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gen'tiles. 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery: (as I wrote

afore in few words:

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery

of Christ,)

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

6 That the Gen'tiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the

gospel:

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gen'tiles the unsearchable riches of Christ:

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly blaces might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our

Lord:

12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your

glory. 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner

by faith: that ve. being rooted and

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length

and depth, and height:

19 And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that

worketh in us. 21 Unto him be glory in the church he Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called

2 With all lowliness and meekness with long-suffering, forbearing one an-

other in love:

3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the

Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit. even as ve are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism. 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But unto every one of us is given

grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the

lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edify-

ing of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive:

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is you.

the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the loved us, and hath given himself for body unto the edifying of itself in

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gen'tiles walk, in the vanity of

their mind.

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and

have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
22 That ye put off concerning the

former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful

lusts: 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your

mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the

day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: Spirit;

32 And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven

CHAPTER 5

E ye therefore followers of God. as dear children:

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath us an offering and a sacrifice to God for

a sweetsmelling savor.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talk-

ing, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children

of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with

8 For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light;

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather

reprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou

that sleepest, and arise from the dead. and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that we walk circumspectly. not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the

days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing that are your masters according to and making melody in your heart to the flesh, with fear and trembling Lord:

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their

own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it:

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the

word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his

wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own

flesh: but nourisheth and cherisheth it. even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself: and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

CHAPTER 6

HILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; 3 That it may be well with thee, and

thou mayest live long on the earth. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in

5 Servants, be obedient to them in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ:

6 Not with eveservice, as menpleasers. but as the servants of Christ, doing the

will of God from the heart: 7 With good will doing service, as to

the Lord, and not to men:

8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be hand or free.

9 And, ve masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his

might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ve may be able to stand against the wiles

of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having

done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness:

15 And your feet shod with the prepara-

tion of the gospel of peace:

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the

word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mys-

tery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly. as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my afthe nurture and admonition of the Lord. fairs, and how I do, Tych'i-cus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all

things:

22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the

Lord Tesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Written from Rome unto the Ephesians by Tychicus.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

PHILIPPIANS

CHAPTER 1

AUL and Ti-mo'the-us, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Phi-lip'pi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord

Tesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,

5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now:

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

7 Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart: inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

8 For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus

Christ.

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and

without offense till the day of Christ: 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good

will:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add

affliction to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel. 18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do re-

joice, yea, and will rejoice.
19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die

is gain.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two. having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ: which is far better:

24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. 25 And having this confidence, I know

that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salva-

tion, and that of God.

29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake:

30 Having the same conflict which ve saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

CHAPTER 2

TF there be therefore any consolation A in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies.

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of

one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things

5 Let this mind be in you, which was

also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation. and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man. he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the full of heaviness, because that ye had cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which

is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven. and things in earth, and things under the earth:

11 And that every tongue should confess that Tesus Christ is Lord, to the

glory of God the Father.

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with life, to supply your lack of service tofear and trembling:

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings

and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world:

16 Holding forth the word of life: that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored

in vain.

17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

18 For the same cause also do ye joy.

and rejoice with me.

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Ti-mo'the-us shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

21 For all seek their own, not the things

which are Tesus Christ's.

22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how if will

go with me.

24 But I trust in the Lord that I also

myself shall come shortly.

25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you E-paph'ro-di'tus, my brother, and companion in labor, and fellow soldier. but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

26 For he longed after you all, and was

heard that he had been sick.

27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him: and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ve may rejoice, and that I may be the less

sorrowful.

29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:

30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his ward me.

CHAPTER 3

NINALLY, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but me, and mark them which walk so as for you it is safe.

2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil work-

ers, beware of the concision.

3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, andrejoice in Christ Tesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. 4 Though I might also have confidence

in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in

the flesh, I more:

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Is'ra-el, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Phar'i-see;

6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7 But what things were gain to me,

those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of

God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto

the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Tesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things are true, whatsoever things are honest,

which are before.

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in lovely, whatsoever things are of good

Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

17 Brethren, be followers together of

ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly

things.)

20 For our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Sav-

iour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

CHAPTER 4

HEREFORE, my brethren dearly L beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

2 I beseech Eū-ō'dĭ-ăs, and beseech Syn'ty-che, that they be of the same

mind in the Lord.

3 And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and

again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto-

all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts

and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and Paul giveth thanks to God for the faith of the Colossian

seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly. that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again: wherein ve were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

for I have learned, in whatsoever state

I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ

which strengtheneth me.

14 Notwithstanding, ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my

affliction.

15 Now ye Phi-lip'pi-ans know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church be with you all. Amen. communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thes'sa-lo-nī'ca ye sent once and again unto my necessity,

17 Not because I desire a gift: but ? desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But I have all, and abound: I am 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: full, having received of E-paph'ro-di'this the things which were sent from you an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice an ceptable, well-pleasing to God.

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by

Christ Tesus.

20 Now unto God and our Father he glory for ever and ever. Amen.

21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet

22 All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Cæsar's household,

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

It was written to the Philippians from Rome be Epaphroditus.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

COLOSSIANS

CHAPTER 1

DAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Ti-mo'the-us our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Co-los'se: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God cur Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, pray- knowledge of God;

ing always for you.

Jesus, and of the love which ye have to patience and long-suffering with joyall the saints.

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

7 As ye also learned of Ep'a-phras our dear fellow servant, who is for you a through his blood, even the forgiveness faithful minister of Christ:

8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the

11 Strengthened with all might, ac-4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ cording to his glorious power, unto all fulness:

> 12 Giving thanks unto the Father. which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

> 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

> 14 In whom we have redemption of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every crea-

ture:

16 For by him were all things created. that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by

him all things consist:

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in him

should all fulness dwell:

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I sau, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he recon-

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprovable in his sight:

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister:

24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the

church:

25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word

of God:

26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gen'tiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man

perfect in Christ Jesus:

29 Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

CHAPTER 2

FOR I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at La-od'i-çe'a, and for as many as have not seen my face in the

flesh:

2 That their hearts might be comforted. being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of under-standing, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father. and of Christ:

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of

wisdom and knowledge.

4 And this I say, lest any man should

beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh. yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As ve have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit. after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ve are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, inputting off the body of the sins of

the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ve are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath

raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses:

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way.

nailing it to his cross:

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the in-

crease of God.

20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why. as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances.

21 (Touch not: taste not: handle not: 22 Which all are to perish with the using:) after the commandments and

doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.

CHAPTER 3

TF ve then be risen with Christ, seek not bitter against them. L those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above,

not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ve also appear with him in glory.

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of dis-

obedience:

7 In the which ve also walked some-

time, when we lived in them.

8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds: 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image

of him that created him:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Sçÿth'ī-ăn, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God. holy and beloved, bowels of mercies kindness, humbleness of mind, meek. ness, long-suffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ for-

gave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things but on charity, which is the bond of perfect. ness.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in

one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the

Father by him.

18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and be

20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.

21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ve shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done; and there is no respect of persons.

CHAPTER 4

MASTERS, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the

same with thanksgiving;

3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

4 That I may make it manifest, as I

ought to speak.

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ve ought to answer every in all the will of God.

7 All my state shall Tỹch'ĩ-cũs declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow servant in

the Lord:

8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;

9 With O-nes'i-mus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things

which are done here.

10 År'is-tär'ehus my fellow prisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)

11 And Jesus, which is called Justus. who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort

unto me.

12 Ep'a-phras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete

13 For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Lā-ŏd'i-çē'a, and them in Hī'ēr-

ăp'ō-lis.

14 Luke, the beloved physician, and

Dē'mās, greet you.

15 Salute the brethren which are in Lā-ŏd'i-çē'a, and Nym'phas, and the church which is in his house.

16 And when this epistle is read among

you, cause that it be read also in the church of the La-od'i-çe'ans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laŏďí-cē'a.

17 And say to Ar-chip'pus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received

in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen.

Written from Rome to the Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 1

DAUL, and Sil-va'nus, and Ti-mô' the-us, unto the church of the Thessa-lo'ni-ans which is in God the Father, and in the Lord Tesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our the Lord not only in Macedonia and Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our

prayers:

3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Iesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

election of God.

5 For our gospel came not unto you in wrath to come. word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ve know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

6 And ye became followers of us, and not in vain:

of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and A-chā'ià.

8 For from you sounded out the word of A-chā'jā, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9 For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God:

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, 4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the

CHAPTER 2

OR yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was

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2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Phi-lip'pi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

3 For our exhortation was not of deceit,

nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness:

6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

as a must character terrature.

8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

9 For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you

the gospel of God.

10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblamably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you,

as a father doth his children, 12 That ye would walk worthy of God,

who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up

The entrance of the gospel among them their sins always: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but

Satan hindered us.

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

20 For ye are our glory and joy.

CHAPTER 3

WHEREFORE when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

2 And sent Ti-mo'the-us, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning

your faith:
3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labor be in vain.

6 But now when Ti-mô'thē-ŭs came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:

7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and

distress by your faith:

8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our

way unto you.

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another,

and toward all men, even as we do to-

ward vou:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

CHAPTER 4

URTHERMORE then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ve ought to walk and to please God, so ve would abound more and more. 2 For ve know what commandments we

gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your with these words. sanctification, that ve should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctifica-

tion and honor:

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence. even as the Gen'tiles which know not

God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto un-

cleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love ve need not that I write unto you; for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one

another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye

increase more and more;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded vou:

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may

have lack of nothing.

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Tesus will God bring with

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another

CHAPTER 5

DUT of the times and the seasons B brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief

in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a

thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of

the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night: and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of

salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as

also ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you:

13 And to esteem them very highly in

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love for their work's sake. And be at

peace among yourselves.

14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to also will do it.

all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Paul glorieth in their patience and faith

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Tesus Christ.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who

25 Brethren, pray for us. 26 Greet all the brethren with a holy

27 I charge you by the Lord, that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

The first epistle unto the Thessalonians was written from Athens.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE

THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 1

DAUL, and Sil-va'nus, and Ti-mothe-us, unto the church of the Thes'sa-lo'ni-ans in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all

toward each other aboundeth; 4 So that we ourselves glory in you in Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in the churches of God, for your patience him, according to the grace of our God and faith in all your persecutions and and the Lord Jesus Christ.

tribulations that ve endure:

5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them

that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

them that know not God, and that obey that man of sin be revealed, the son of not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: perdition;

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

12 That the name of our Lord Jesus

CHAPTER 2

NOW we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him.

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that

the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, ex-8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on cept there come a falling away first, and 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth al-

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and

signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should

believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure

in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of

our Lord Tesus Christ.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

CHAPTER 3

FINALLY, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. 5 And the Lord direct your hearts into

the love of God, and into the patient

waiting for Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves

disorderly among you;

8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labor and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you

to follow us.

10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in

well doing.

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but

admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

¶ The second *epistle* to the Thessalonians was written from Athens.

TIMOTHY

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Sayiour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;

2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord. 3 As I besought thee to abide still at

Eph'ē-sus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which

is in faith: so do.

5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling: 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say,

nor whereof they affirm.

8 But we know that the law is good, if

a man use it lawfully:

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that

is contrary to sound doctrine;

11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed

to my trust.

- 12 And I thank Christ Tesus our Lord. who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry:
- 13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

ceeding abundant with faith and love wrath and doubting. which is in Christ Tesus.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Tesms came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all long-suffering, for a pattern to them which should here. after believe on him to life everlasting

17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare:

19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away, concerning faith have made shipwreck:

20 Of whom is Hy men-e'us and Alex. ander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

CHAPTER 2

EXHORT therefore, that, first of all. supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and

honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the

sight of God our Saviour;

4 Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the 5 For there is one God, and one media-

tor between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not,) a teacher of the Gen'tiles in faith and verity.

8 I will therefore that men pray every 14 And the grace of our Lord was ex- where, lifting up holy hands, without

9 In like manner also, that women

adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

costly array; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

11 Let the woman learn in silence with

all subjection.

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

CHAPTER 3

THIS is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a

brawler, not covetous:

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care

of the church of God?)

6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a

pure conscience.

10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all

tnıngs.

12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hop-

ing to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gen'tiles, believed on in the world, received up

into glory.

CHAPTER 4

NOW the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and comments, which

manding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be re-

ceived with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God

and prayer.

of if thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto

godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9 This is a faithful saying, and worthy

of all acceptation.

10 For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. 11 These things command and teach.

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12 Let no man despise thy youth; but
be thou an example of the believers, in
word, in conversation, in charity, in
spirit, in faith, in purity.

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give

thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

CHAPTER 5

REBUKE not an elder, but entreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;

2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

3 Honor widows that are widows

indeed.

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night

and day.

6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead

while she liveth.

7 And these things give in charge, that

they may be blameless.

8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;

12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

Of elders. Of widows. Of servants

14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned aside

after Satan.

16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and

doctrine.

18 For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward.

19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

20 Them that sin rebuke before all,

that others also may fear.

21 I charge thee before God, and the
Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels,
that thou observe these things without
preferring one before another, doing
nothing by partiality.

22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins:

keep thyself pure.

23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and

some men they follow after.

25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

CHAPTER 6

LET as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness:

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but fore Christ Jesus, who before Pon'ti-us doting about questions and strifes of Pilate witnessed a good confession; words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from

such withdraw thyself.

6 But godliness with contentment is

great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment, let us

be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after. they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many

sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and be-

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate. the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen. nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things

to enjoy:

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, will-

ing to communicate:

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal

20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

¶ The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO

TIMOTHY

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son:

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; 4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being

with joy:

5 When I call to remembrance the un- power of God;

feigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance, that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began;

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher

of the Gen'tiles.

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words. which thou hast heard of me, in faith

and love which is in Christ Iesus. 14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy

Ghost which dwelleth in us.

15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phy-gel'lus and Her-mogē-nēs

16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of On'e-siph'o-rus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: ungodliness.

me out very diligently, and found me.

18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Eph'ē-sus, thou knowest very well.

CHAPTER 2

THOU therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Tesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

6 The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits.

7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things

8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil. doer, even unto bonds; but the word of

God is not bound.

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with

him:

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will denv us:

13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more

17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought "17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymen-e'us and

Phi-le'tus:

18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth: and some to

honor, and some to dishonor.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of

a pure heart. 23 But foolish and unlearned questions Of the last days. The Scriptures. Paul chargeth Timothy avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men.

apt to teach, patient:

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who works, are taken captive by him at his will.

CHAPTER 3

HIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholv.

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers

of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn

away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers

lusts. 7 Ever learning, and never able to come

to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Tăn'nēs and Tăm'brēs withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all

men, as theirs also was.

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at An'ti-och, at I-conī-um, at Lys'tra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord ma'ti-a. delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Tesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being

deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things assured of, knowing of whom thou hast parchments. learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine. for reproof, for correction, for instruc-

tion in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good

CHAPTER 4

CHARGE thee therefore before God. and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom:

2 Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doc-

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto

fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have fin-ished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto

me:

10 For Dē'mas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thes'sa-lo-ni'ca; Cres'cens to Gà-la'ti-à. Titus unto Dăl-

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark. and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

12 And Tych'i-cus have I sent to

Ĕph'ē-sŭs.

13 The cloak that I left at Tro'as with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with which thou hast learned and hast been thee, and the books, but especially the

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me

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much evil: the Lord reward him accord- unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be ing to his works:

15 Of whom be thou ware also: for he hath greatly withstood our words.

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gen'tiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me

Of elders and bishops. Of vain talkers

glory for ever and ever. Amen. 19 Salute Pris'ca and Aq'ui-la, and the household of On'e-siph'o-rus.

20 E-ras'tus abode at Corinth; but Troph'i-mus have I left at Mi-le'tum

sick. 21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eu-bu'lus greeteth thee, and Pū'dens, and Lī'nus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

The second epistle unto Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO

TITUS

CHAPTER 1

DAUL, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the

world began:

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord

Jesus Christ our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete. that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of

one wife, having faithful children not

accused of riot or unruly.

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; hath been taught, that he may be able patience.

by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

11 Whose mouths must be stopped. who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cre'tians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith:

14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto

every good work reprobate.

CHAPTER 2

BUT speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in be in behavior as becometh holiness, not ness unto all men. false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things:

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their hus-

bands, to love their children,

5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

sober-minded.

7 In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil

thing to say of you.

9 Exhort servants to be obedient them well in all things; not answering again:

10 Not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all

things.

salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world:

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God

and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man

despise thee.

CHAPTER 3

Put them in mind to be subject to magistrates, to be ready to every good work.

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no

3 The aged women likewise, that they brawlers, but gentle, showing all meek-

3 For we ourselves also were sometime foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man ap-

peared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which 6 Young men likewise exhort to be we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost:

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the

hone of eternal life.

8 This is a faithful saying, and these unto their own masters, and to please things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and striv-11 For the grace of God that bringeth ings about the law; for they are un-

profitable and vain.

10 A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject; 11 Knowing that he that is such is sub-

verted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

12 When I shall send Ar'te-mas unto thee, or Tveh'i-cus, be diligent to come unto me to Ni-cop'o-lis: for I have determined there to winter.

13 Bring Ze'nas the lawyer and A-pollos on their journey diligently, that

nothing be wanting unto them.

14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that

they be not unfruitful.

15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Tit was written to Titus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Cretians, from Nicopolis of Macedonia.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO

PHILEMON

PAUL, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and mon our dearly beloved, and fellow laborer

2 And to our beloved Apph'i-a, and Ar-chip'pus our fellow soldier, and to

the church in thy house:

3 Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God, making mention of

thee always in my prayers, 5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints:

6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee.

brother.

8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son Ō-něs'imus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee-

and to me:

12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own

13 Whom I would have retained with

me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not he as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive

him for ever; 16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to

me, but how much more unto thee, both

in the flesh, and in the Lord? 17 If thou count me therefore a partner.

receive him as myself.

18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee aught, put that on mine account: 19 I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even

thine own self besides.

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

21 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing that thou

wilt also do more than I say.

22 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

23 There salute thee Ep'a-phras. my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus;

24 Marcus, Ar'is-tar'chus, De'mas.

Lū'cas, my fellow laborers. 25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

be with your spirit. Amen.

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HEBREWS

CHAPTER 1

OD, who at sundry times and in I divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made

the worlds:

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himright hand of the Majesty on high:

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6 And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7 And of the angels he saith. Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers

a flame of fire.

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of

gladness above thy fellows.

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine

11 They shall perish, but thou remainest: and they all shall wax old as doth a

garment:

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits,

sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

CHAPTER 2

HEREFORE we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recom-

pense of reward:

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect self purged our sins, sat down on the so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard

> 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost,

according to his own will?

5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, where-

of we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over

the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call

them brethren,

12 Saving, I will declare thy name unto

my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in my ways. him. And again, Behold I and the chil-

dren which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil:

15 And deliver them, who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject

to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the

seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren. that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them

that are tempted.

CHAPTER 3

WHEREFORE, holy brethren, par-takers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; 2 Who was faithful to him that ap-

pointed him, as also Moses was faithful

in all his house.

3 For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honor than the house.

4 For every house is builded by some man: but he that built all things is God. 5 And Moses verily was faithful in all

his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken

6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

7 Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, To-day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in

the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty

generation, and said, They do always err in their heart: and they have not known

11 So I sware in my wrath. They shall

not enter into my rest.

12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief. in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To-day: lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of

sin.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end:

15 While it is said, To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. as in the provocation.

16 For some, when they had heard. did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the

wilderness? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

CHAPTER 4

TET us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached. as well as unto them; but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 And in this place again, If they shall

enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To-day, after so long a time: as it is said. To-day if ye will hear 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that his voice, harden not your hearts.

8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then he had offered up prayers and suppliwould he not afterward have spoken of cations with strong crying and tears unto another day.

the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works. as God did from his.

that rest, lest any man fall after the same them that obey him;

example of unbelief.

12 For the word of God is quick, and order of Měl-chis'ē-děc. powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of not of strong meat. him with whom we have to do.

14 Seeing then that we have a great unskilful in the word of righteousness: high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold

fast our profession.

15 For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of on unto perfection; not laying again the need.

CHAPTER 5

things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

way; for that he himself also is com- takers of the Holy Ghost,

passed with infirmity.

3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to come,

offer for sins.

himself, but he that is called of God, as cify to themselves the Son of God afresh,

was Aaron.

5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made a high priest; but he that rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringsaid unto him, Thou art my Son, to-day eth forth herbs meet for them by whom have I begotten thee.

6 As he saith also in another blace. Thou art a priest for ever after the order

of Měl-chis'ē-děc.

him that was able to save him from 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he

suffered:

9 And being made perfect, he became 11 Let us labor therefore to enter into the author of eternal salvation unto all

10 Called of God a high priest after the

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye

are dull of hearing.

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and

13 For every one that useth milk is

for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

CHAPTER 6

HEREFORE leaving the principles L of the doctrine of Christ, let us go foundation of repentance from dead. works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of FOR every high priest taken from laying on of hands, and of resurrection among men is ordained for men in of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit.

4 For it is impossible for those who 2 Who can have compassion on the were once enlightened, and have tasted ignorant, and on them that are out of the of the heavenly gift, and were made par-

> 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them 4 And no man taketh this honor unto again unto repentance; seeing they cruand put him to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto curs-7 Who in the days of his flesh, when ing; whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Il And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full

assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no

greater, he sware by himself, 14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply

thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

15 And so, after he had patiently en-

dured, he obtained the promise.

16 For men verily swear by the greater:
and an oath for confirmation is to them

an end of all strife.

17 Wherein God, willing more abun-

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hone set before us:

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made a high priest for ever after the order of Měl-ehis'éděc.

CHAPTER 7

FOR this Měl-chis'ē-đěc, king of Sā'lēm, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Să'lēm, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. 4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham

they come out of the loins of Abraham: 6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receive th tithes, paid tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his

father, when Mël-chiş'ē-děc met him, 11 If therefore perfection were by the Lē-vit'-câl priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Mël-chiş'ē-děc, and not be called after the

order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also

of the law.

13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Ju'da; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priest-

hood.

15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Měl-chiş'edec there ariseth another priest,

16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Měl-chǐş'ē-děc.

18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. 19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did;

by the which we draw nigh unto God, 20 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest:

21 (For those priests were made with-

out an oath; but this with an oath by

him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Měl-chis'ē-děc:) 22 By so much was Jesus made a surety

of a better testament. 23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to con-

tinue by reason of death:

24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to

make intercession for them.

26 For such a high priest became us. who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens:

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he

offered up himself.

28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son. who is consecrated for evermore.

CHAPTER 8

NOW of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

the true tabernacle, which the Lord the table, and the showbread; which is

pitched, and not man.

3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been

faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Is'ra-ël and with the house

of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Is'ra-el after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their un-

righteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

CHAPTER 9

THEN verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

2 For there was a tabernacle made: the 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of first, wherein was the candlestick, and

3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the holiest of all: 4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant:

5 And over it the cherubim of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not vet made manifest, while as the first

tabernacle was yet standing:

9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the

time of reformation.

11 But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building:

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats. and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of

the flesh:

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works

to serve the living God?

15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the

testator.

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people,

20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined

unto you.

21 Moreover he sprinkled likewise with blood both the tabernacle, and all offering and burnt offerings and offerthe vessels of the ministry.

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shed. ding of blood is no remission.

23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacri-

fices than these.

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of

others:

26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the worldbut now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to hear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

CHAPTER 10

OR the law having a shadow of I good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices, which they offered year by year continually, make the comers thereunto perfect.

2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had

no more conscience of sins.

3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away

5 Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for

sin thou hast had no pleasure.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will, O God.

8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and ing for sin thou wouldest not, neither

fered by the law: 9 Then said he, Lo. I come to do thy will. O God. He taketh away the first.

that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified

Tesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down

on the right hand of God:

13 From henceforth expecting till his The Lord shall judge his people. enemies be made his footstool.

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a

witness to us: for after that he had said before

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them:

remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is. there is no more offering for sin.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Tesus.

20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

21 And having a high priest over the

house of God:

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our if any man draw back, my soul shall hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

our faith without wavering; for he is believe to the saving of the soul.

faithful that promised:

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some not seen. is: but exhorting one another: and so

much the more, as ye see the day ap- report. proaching. 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we the worlds were framed by the word of

for sins.

27 But a certain fearful looking for of excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which

hadst pleasure therein; which are of- judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three wit-

nesses:

29 Of how much sorer punishment, through the offering of the body of suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified. an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

> 30 For we know him that hath said. Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again,

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the

hands of the living God.

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions:

33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

34 For ye had compassion of me in my 17 And their sins and iniquities will I bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of

reward.

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ve have done the will of God, ye

might receive the promise.

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them who draw 23 Let us hold fast the profession of back unto perdition; but of them that

CHAPTER 11

NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things

2 For by it the elders obtained a good

3 Through faith we understand that have received the knowledge of the God, so that things which are seen were truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice not made of things which do appear.

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more

he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek

him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance. obeyed; and he went out, not knowing

whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker

is God.

11 Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the seashore

innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was

tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac

shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and

E'sau concerning things to come. 21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying blessed both the sons of Joseph; and

worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Iş'rā-ĕl; and gave commandment con-

cerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born. was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child: and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of

Phā'raōh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy

the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the rec-

ompense of the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

28 Through faith he kept the passover. and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch

them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jer'i-cho fell down, after they were compassed about

seven days.

31 By faith the harlot Ra'hab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. 32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthan: of David also, and Samuel, and of

the prophets: 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained

promises, stopped the mouths of lions. 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed of our flesh which corrected us, and we valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they tened us after their own pleasure; but might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of

bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in them which are exercised thereby. sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented:

38 Of whom the world was not worthy: they wandered in deserts, and in moun- feet, lest that which is lame be turned tains, and in dens and caves of the earth. out of the way; but let it rather be

39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not

the promise:

40 God having provided some better the Lord: thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

CHAPTER 12

HEREFORE, seeing we also are a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that it carefully with tears. was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood,

striving against sin.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the stoned, or thrust through with a dart: chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom

he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we have had fathers gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chashe for our profit, that we might be par-

takers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which

hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your healed.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *uou*, and thereby many be defiled;

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or procompassed about with so great fane person, as E'sau, who for one mor-

sel of meat sold his birthright.

17 For ye know how that afterward. when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought

18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and dark-

ness, and tempest,

19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be

21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and

quake:)

22 But ye are come unto mount Si'on, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

new covenant, and to the blood of 10 We have an altar, whereof they have sprinkling, that speaketh better things no right to eat which serve the taber.

than that of Abel.

25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh: for if they escaped not who whose blood is brought into the sancrefused him that spake on earth, much tuary by the high priest for sin, are more shall not we escape, if we turn burned without the camp. away from him that speaketh from heaven:

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only,

but also heaven.

27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God is well pleased. acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

CHAPTER 13

LET brotherly love continue. 2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which this, that I may be restored to you the suffer adversity, as being yourselves sooner. also in the body.

adulterers God will judge.

5 Let your conversation be without covenant, covetousness; and be content with such will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

is my helper, and I will not fear what for ever and ever. Amen.

man shall do unto me.

over you, who have spoken unto you the written a letter unto you in few words. word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. is set at liberty; with whom, if he come

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and shortly, I will see you.

to-day, and for ever.

strange doctrines: for it is a good thing Italy salute you. that the heart be established with grace;

24 And to Tesus the mediator of the them that have been occupied therein. nacle.

11 For the bodies of those beasts,

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. 14 For here have we no continuing city,

but we seek one to come.

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to

live honestly.

19 But I beseech you the rather to do

20 Now the God of peace, that brought 4 Marriage is honorable in all, and the again from the dead our Lord Jesus, bed undefiled: but whoremongers and that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting

21 Make you perfect in every good things as ye have: for he hath said, I work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory

22 And I beseech you, brethren, suffer 7 Remember them which have the rule the word of exhortation: for I have 23 Know ve that our brother Timothy

24 Salute all them that have the rule 9 Be not carried about with divers and over you, and all the saints. They of

25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

not with meats, which have not profited Written to the Hebrews from Italy by Timothy.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF

TAMES

CHAPTER 1

TAMES, a servant of God and of the J Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. 2 My brethren, count it all joy when

ye fall into divers temptations: 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your

faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire.

wanting nothing.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

because as the flower of the grass he

shall pass away.

11 For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the and to keep himself unspotted from the Lord hath promised to them that love world.

him.

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and

enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect

gift is from above, and cometh down under my footstool:

from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of

furning.

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren. let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

20 For the wrath of man worketh not

the righteousness of God.

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own

selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word. and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what

manner of man he was.

25 But whose looketh into the perfect 10 But the rich, in that he is made low: law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

> 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's

religion is vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.

CHAPTER 2

MY brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man

in vile raiment:

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him. Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy

name by the which ye are called? 8 If we fulfil the royal law according

to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well: 9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye

commit sin, and are convinced of the

law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is

guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and

mercy rejoiceth against judgment. 14 What doth it profit, my brethren though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and

destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ve give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works.

is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also

believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

perfect?

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteous. ness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rā'hāb the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead

CHAPTER 3

MY brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle

the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed

of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame: if is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we God, even the

Father: and therewith curse we men. which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can his works, and by works was faith made no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who is a wise man and endued with speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth knowledge among you? let him show the law; but if thou judge the law, thou out of a good conversation his works with art not a doer of the law, but a judge. meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and to save and to destroy; who art thou that strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie judgest another?

not against the truth.

above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is. there is confusion and every evil

work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

CHAPTER 4

ROM whence come wars and fight-I ings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and come upon uou. desire to have, and cannot obtain: ve fight and war, yet ye have not, because

ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ve ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon

your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and enemy of God.

in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us Sab'a-oth.

lusteth to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith. God resisteth the proud. but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from just; and he doth not resist you.

nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye husbandman waiteth for the precious sinners; and purify your hearts, ye fruit of the earth, and hath long patience double-minded

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning,

and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of draweth nigh. the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

brethren. He that speaketh evil of the judge standeth before the door. his brother, and judgeth his brother, 10 Take, my brethren, the prophets,

12 There is one lawgiver, who is able

13 Go to now, ye that say, To-day or 15 This wisdom descendeth not from to-morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord

will, we shall live, and do this, or that, 16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings:

all such rejoicing is evil.

17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is

CHAPTER 5

10 to now, ye rich men, weep and I howl for your miseries that shall

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your

garments are moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure

together for the last days.

4 Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is the cries of them which have reaped are 5 Do ve think that the Scripture saith entered into the ears of the Lord of

5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of

slaughter.

6 Ye have condemned and killed the

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw the coming of the Lord. Behold, the for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord

9 Grudge not one against another, 11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, Lord. for an example of suffering afflic- up; and if he have committed sins, they

tion, and of patience.

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Tob. and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay. nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing

psalms.

14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save

who have spoken in the name of the the sick, and the Lord shall raise him shall be forgiven him.

16 Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another, that ye may

be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much 17 E-li'as was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed

earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought

forth her fruit.

19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him:

20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF

PETER

CHAPTER 1

DETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Gà-la'ti-à, Căp'pà-dō'ci-à, Asia, and Bi-thyn'i-a.

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Tesus Christ from the dead.

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold tempta-

7 That the trial of your faith, being into.

much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ve see him not, vet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving the end of your faith, even

the salvation of your souls.

10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified be-forehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven: which things the angels desire to look mind, be sober, and hope to the end for chosen of God, and precious, the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ:

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former to God by Jesus Christ.

lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy:

for I am holv.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth disobedient, the stone which the buildaccording to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things. as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from unto also they were appointed. your fathers;

without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

raised him up from the dead, and gave which had not obtained mercy, but now him glory; that your faith and hope have obtained mercy.

might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for visitation.

ever.

glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

for ever. And this is the word which by that do well the gospel is preached unto you.

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow hood. Fear God. Honor the king. thereby:

is gracious.

4 To whom coming, as unto a living 19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your stone, disallowed indeed of men, but

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Si'on a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious; but unto them which be ers disallowed, the same is made the

head of the corner.

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: where-

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a 19 But with the precious blood of royal priesthood, a holy nation, a pe-Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and culiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous

light:

10 Which in time past were not a peo-21 Who by him do believe in God, that ple, but are now the people of God:

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gen'tiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of

13 Submit vourselves to every ordi-24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the nance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;

14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment 25 But the word of the Lord endureth of evildoers, and for the praise of them

15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

17 Honor all men. Love the brother-

18 Servants, be subject to your mas-3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord ters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

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Of wives and husbands. Of brotherly love

suffering wrongfully.

20 For what glory is it, if, when we be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it for railing: but contrariwise blessing patiently? but if, when ye do well, and knowing that ye are thereunto called, suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is that ye should inherit a blessing. acceptable with God.

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should guile: follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile let him seek peace, and ensue it.

found in his mouth:

not again: when he suffered, he threat- unto their prayers: but the face of the ened not; but committed himself to him Lord is against them that do evil

that judgeth righteously:

in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye eousness' sake, happy are ue: and be were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd

and Bishop of your souls.

CHAPTER 3

IKEWISE, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands: that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives:

2 While they behold your chaste con-

versation coubled with fear.

3 Whose adorning, let it not be that so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for outward adorning of plaiting the hair. and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible. even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid

with any amazement.

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the hindered.

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having ject unto him.

conscience toward God endure grief, compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing

10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled the righteous, and his ears are oben

13 And who is he that will harm 24 Who his own self bare our sins you, if ye be followers of that which is

good?

14 But and if ye suffer for rightnot afraid of their terror, neither be troubled:

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with

meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience: that. whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17 For it is better, if the will of God be

evildoing.

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also he went and preached

unto the spirits in prison;

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God.) by the resurrection of Iesus

Christ:

22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on grace of life; that your prayers be not the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made sub-

CHAPTER 4

ORASMUCH then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm vourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of

men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gen'tiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revelings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ve run not with them to the same excess of doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

riot, speaking evil of you:

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For, for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead. that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto

prayer.

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

9 Use hospitality one to another with-

out grudging.

10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the mani-

fold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Tesus Christ: to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing hap-

pened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when

glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a mur- strengthen, settle you.

derer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian,

let him not be ashamed; but let him

glorify God on this behalf

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the

sinner appear?

19 Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well

CHAPTER 5

HE elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of

glory that fadeth not away.

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may

exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for

he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may

9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, his glory shall be revealed, ye may be knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are

in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish,

11 To him be glory and dominion for

ever and ever. Amen.

12 By Sīl-vā'nŭs, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ve stand.

13 The church that is at Babylon. elected together with you, saluteth you and so doth Marcus my son.

14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are

in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL OF

PETER

CHAPTER 1

CIMON Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and in this tabernacle, to stir you up hy

our Saviour Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and

of Tesus our Lord.

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that bertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ve might be partakers of the divine nesses of his majesty. nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And besides this, giving all diligence. add to your faith virtue; and to virtue,

knowledge:

6 And to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to pa- heaven we heard, when we were with tience, godliness;

7 And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall shineth in a dark place, until the day neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath of the Scripture is of any private interforgotten that he was purged from his pretation.

old sins.

diligence to make your calling and elec- God spake as they were moved by the tion sure: for if ye do these things, ye Holy Ghost. shall never fall:

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the BUT there were false prophets also everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Burnong the people, even as there Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and he established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am

putting you in remembrance:

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Tesus Christ hath showed me.

15 Moreover I will endeavor that ve may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewit-

17 For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am

well pleased.

18 And this voice which came from

him in the holy mount.

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts:

20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy

21 For the prophecy came not in old 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give time by the will of man: but holy men of

CHAPTER 2

shall be false teachers among you, who

privily shall bring in damnable heresies, cised with covetous practices; cursed even denying the Lord that bought children: them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise forbade the madness of the prophet. of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation clouds that are carried with a tempest; slumbereth not.

4 For if God spared not the angels that for ever. sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment:

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 And turning the cities of Sod'om and Gō-mŏr'rah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should

live ungodly:

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, worse with them than the beginning. vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds:)

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of unto them

judgment to be punished:

flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and turned to his own vomit again; and the despise government. Presumptuous are sow that was washed to her wallowing they, self-willed, they are not afraid to in the mire. speak evil of dignities.

11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the

Lord.

12 But these, as natural brute beasts made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their

own corruption;

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it come in the last days scoffers, walking pleasure to riot in the daytime. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting them-

14 Having eyes full of adultery, and from the beginning of the creation.
that cannot cease from sin; beguiling 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, unstable souls: a heart they have exer- that by the word of God the heavens

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Ba'laam the son of Bo'sor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness:

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice

17 These are wells without water. to whom the mist of darkness is reserved

18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from

them who live in error.

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness. than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered

22 But it is happened unto them ac-10 But chiefly them that walk after the cording to the true proverb, The dog is

CHAPTER 3

HIS second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: 3 Knowing this first, that there shall

after their own lusts.

4 And saying, Where is the promise of selves with their own deceivings while his coming? for since the fathers fell they feast with you:

asleep, all things continue as they were

of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which

are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ve to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

coming of the day of God, wherein the for ever. Amen.

were of old, and the earth standing out heavens being on fire shall be dissolved. and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

> 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth right. eousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ve look for such things, be diligent that ve may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

15 And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written

unto vou:

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus 12 Looking for and hasting unto the Christ. To him be glory both now and

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF

IOHN

CHAPTER 1

THAT which was from the begin-I ning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life:

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you.

that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie.

and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned.

we make him a liar, and his word is not things that are in the world. If any man in us.

CHAPTER 2

MY little children, these things write of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and I unto you, that ye sin not. And if the pride of life, is not of the Father, but. any man sin, we have an advocate with is of the world. the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the

sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know

him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keep-

eth not his commandments, is a liar. and the truth is not in him.

verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he

walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which we have heard from the begin-

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past. and the true light now shineth.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even also.

until now.

in the light, and there is none occasion ning. If that which ye have heard from

of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, little children, be-

name's sake.

13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked all things, and is truth, and is no lie one. I write unto you, little children, be- and even as it hath taught you, ye shall cause ye have known the Father.

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15 Love not the world, neither the cousness is born of him.

love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the

will of God abideth for ever.

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 They went out from us, but they 5 But whose keepeth his word, in him were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ve know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the

Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the

same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father

24 Let that therefore abide in you, 10 He that loveth his brother abideth which ye have heard from the beginthe beginning shall remain in you, ve also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that he hath

promised us, even eternal life.

26 These things have I written unto cause your sins are forgiven you for his you concerning them that seduce you.

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth right-

CHAPTER 3

EHOLD, what manner of love the Pather hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God. and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall in truth.

see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope

in him purifieth himself, even as he is

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the

transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen

him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive

you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil;

for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is

born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of are gone out into the world. God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we

should love one another.

one, and slew his brother. And where- christ, whereof ye have heard that it fore slew he him? Because his own should come; and even now already is it works were evil, and his brother's in the world. righteous.

world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from world. death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a

God. because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whose hath this world's good. and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God

in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are

pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his

Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us,

CHAPTER 4

DELOVED, believe not every spirit. D but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Tesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked not of God; and this is that spirit of anti-

4 Ye are of God, little children, and 13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God murderer: and ye know that no mur- heareth us; he that is not of God hearderer hath eternal life abiding in him. eth not us. Hereby know we the spirit 16 Hereby perceive we the love of of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not, knoweth not God:

for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given

us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the

Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God. God dwelleth in him. and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is

love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in

this world.

18 There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

CHAPTER 5

WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and

keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even

our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world. but he that believeth that Tesus is the

Son of God?

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

> 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

> 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

> 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which he hath testified

of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not

life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ve may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked standing, that we may know him that is one toucheth him not.

19 And we know that we are of God. and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God

true; and we are in him that is true. even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves is come, and hath given us an under- from idols. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF

IOHN

THE elder unto the elect lady and the world, who confess not that Jesus her children, whom I love in the Christ is come in the flesh. This is a truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth:

2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.

3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from full. the beginning, ye should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers are entered into

deceiver and an antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought. but that we receive a full reward.

9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed:

11 For he that biddeth him God-speed

is partaker of his evil deeds. 12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be

13 The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen.

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF

JOHN

THE elder unto the well-beloved Ga'jus, whom I love in the truth.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health,

even as thy soul prospereth.

3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

4 I have no greater joy than to hear

that my children walk in truth.

5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and

to strangers:

6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the

Gĕn'tiles.

8 We therefore ought to receive such. that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.

9 I wrote unto the church: but Di-otrē-phēs, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth

evil hath not seen God.

12 Dē-mē'trī-us hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

14 But I trust I shall shortly see thee. and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF

TUDE, the servant of Jesus Christ, and charity, when they feast with you feed-I brother of Tames, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Tesus Christ, and called:

2 Mercy unto you, and peace, and love.

be multiplied.

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation. it was needful for me to write unto you. and exhort you that ve should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judg-

ment of the great day.

7 Even as Sŏd'om and Gō-mŏr'rah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and

speak evil of dignities.

9 Yet Mi'chā-el the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not; but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those

things they corrupt themselves.

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Ba'laam for reward. and perished in the gainsaying of Co're. be glory and majesty, dominion and

ing themselves without fear: clouds theu are without water, carried about of winds: trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit. twice dead, plucked up by the

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars to whom is reserved the blackness of

darkness for ever.

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saving, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thou-

sands of his saints.

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

16 These are murmurers, complainers. walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words. having men's persons in admiration be-

cause of advantage.

17 But, beloved, remember ve the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God. looking for the mercy of our Lord Tesus

Christ unto eternal life.

22 And of some have compassion.

making a difference:

23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

25 To the only wise God our Saviour. 12 These are spots in your feasts of power, both now and eyer. Amen.

THE REVELATION

OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

CHAPTER 1

HE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant Tohn:

2 Who bare record of the word of God. and of the testimony of Jesus Christ,

and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy. and keep those things which are written like wool, as white as snow; and his therein: for the time is at hand.

4 TOHN to the seven churches which J are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne:

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and O-me'ga, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is

to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's saith he that holdeth the seven stars in day, and heard behind me a great voice,

as of a trumpet.

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Ö-mē'ga, the first and the last: and, What thou thy patience, and how thou canst not seest, write in a book, and send it unto bear them which are evil: and thou the seven churches which are in Asia; hast tried them which say they are

unto Eph'ē-sūs, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pēr'gā-mos, and unto Thỹ à-ti'rà, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Lā-ŏd'i-cē'à.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw

seven golden candlesticks:

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man. clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white

eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

CHAPTER 2

TNTO the angel of the church of Eph'ē-sus write; These things his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks:

2 I know thy works, and thy labor, and

apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored. and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy

first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works: or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nic'o-la'i-tans, which I

also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and

is alive:

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death. and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of

the second death.

Pēr'ga-mos write: These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two

edges:

13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein An'ti-pas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee. because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Ba'laam, who taught Bā'lāk to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Iş'rā-ĕl, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit

fornication.

15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nic'o-la'i-tans, which thing I hate.

16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them

with the sword of my mouth.

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thy'à-ti'rà write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Tez'e-bel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed. and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death: and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the 12 And to the angel of the church in rest in Thy a-tira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak: I will put upon you none other burden.

25 But that which ye have already, hold

fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers; even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

CHAPTER 3

AND unto the angel of the church in of heaven from my God: and I will write A Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works per-

fect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch. I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

dis which have not defiled their gar- nothing; and knowest not that thou art

white: for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, the same shall he clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of white raiment, that thou mayest he life, but I will confess his name before clothed, and that the shame of thy my Father, and before his angels.

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou the Spirit saith unto the churches.

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith chasten: bezealoustherefore, and repent. he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and open the door, I will come in to him, no man openeth:

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man to sit with me in my throne, even as I can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not my Father in his throne.

gogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved

my patience, I also will keep thee from which said, Come up hither, and I will the hour of temptation, which shall come show thee things which must be hereupon all the world, to try them that after. dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, fast which thou hast, that no man take and one sat on the throne.

thy crown.

pillar in the temple of my God, and he was a rainbow round about the throne, shall go no more out: and I will write in sight like unto an emerald. upon him the name of my God, and the 4 And round about the throne were four

name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out upon him my new name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

14 And unto the angel of the church of the La-od'i-çe'anş write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God:

15 I know thy works, that thou art

cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm. and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee

out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sar- increased with goods, and have need of ments; and they shall walk with me in wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

> 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and nakedness do not appear; and anoint

mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant also overcame, and am set down with

denied my name. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear 9 Behold, I will make them of the syna- what the Spirit saith unto the churches. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear

CHAPTER 4

AFTER this I looked, and, behold. A a door was opened in heaven; and the first voice which I heard was as it 10 Because thou hast kept the word of were of a trumpet talking with me;

2 And immediately I was in the Spirit:

3 And he that sat was to look upon like 12 Him that overcometh will I make a a jasper and a sardine stone: and there

saw four and twenty elders sitting, it had been slain, having seven horns clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices:

and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes be-

fore and behind.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is

9 And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure

they are and were created.

CHAPTER 5

AND I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back side. sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon,

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Ju'da, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of and see.

and twenty seats: and upon the seats I the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the

throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on

the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands:

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and

blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth

for ever and ever.

CHAPTER 6

AND I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come

the throne and of the four beasts, and in 4 And there went out another horse

REVELATION 6, 7

The seals opened. The number of the sealed

that was red; and power was given to themselves in the dens and in the rocks him that sat thereon to take peace from of the mountains; the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third and from the wrath of the Lamb: seal, I heard the third beast say, Come sea, 1 He and I beheld, and lo a black come; and who shall be able to stand? horse; and he that sat on him had a pair

of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth tree. seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast

say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they

10 And they cried with a loud voice. saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the tribeof Gadweresealed twelve thousand. earth?

every one of them; and it was said unto tha-lim were sealed twelve thousand. them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also twelve thousand. and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black thousand. as sackcloth of hair, and the moon be-

came as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a

mighty wind. 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of

their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the every bondman, and every free man, hid the throne, and unto the Lamb.

16 And said to the mountains and

face of him that sitteth on the throne, 17 For the great day of his wrath is

CHAPTER 7

AND after these things I saw four A angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given

to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children.

of Is'ra-ël.

5 Of the tribe of Ju'da were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the

twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Neph! Of the tribe of Ma-nas'seş were sealed

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Is'sa-char were sealed twelve

8 Of the tribe of Zăb' ü-lön were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve

thousand. 9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands:

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon

on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory honor, and power, and might, be unto fire was cast into the sea: and the third our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered. sav-

came they?

lation, and have washed their robes, third part of the rivers, and upon the and made them white in the blood of fountains of waters; the Lamb.

throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither

light on them, nor any heat..

of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears night likewise. from their eyes.

CHAPTER 8

A seal, there was silence in heaven the other voices of the trumpet of the about the space of half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were

given seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood at there was given unto him much incense. that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

came with the prayers of the saints. ascended up before God out of the

angel's hand

5 And the angel took the censer, and was given power, as the scorpions of the filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it earth have power. into the earth: and there were voices. earthquake.

7 The first angel sounded, and there 5 And to them it was given that they

II And all the angels stood round about blood, and they were cast upon the the throne, and about the elders and the earth: and the third part of trees was four beasts, and fell before the throne burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and as it were a great mountain burning with

part of the sea became blood;

9 And the third part of the creatures ing unto me, What are these which are which were in the sea, and had life, died: arrayed in white robes? and whence and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou 10 And the third angel sounded, and knowest. And he said to me, These there fell a great star from heaven, burn-10 And the third angel sounded, and are they which came out of great tribu- ing as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the

11 And the name of the star is called 15 Therefore are they before the throne Wormwood: and the third part of the of God, and serve him day and night in waters became wormwood; and many his temple: and he that sitteth on the men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and thirst any more; neither shall the sun the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to AND when he had opened the seventh the inhabiters of the earth by reason of

three angels, which are vet to sound! CHAPTER 9

AND the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the altar, having a golden censer; and the earth; and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the 4 And the smoke of the incense, which sun and the air were darkened by reason

of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them

4 And it was commanded them that and thunderings, and lightnings, and an they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither 6 And the seven angels which had the any tree; but only those men which seven trumpets prepared themselves to have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

followed hail and fire mingled with should not kill them, but that they

The sixth angel soundeth. The angel with a little book

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should be tormented five months: and unto serpents, and had heads, and with their torment was as the torment of a them they do hurt. scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from

them.

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle: and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of

lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men

five months.

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is A-bad'don, but in the Greek tongue hath his name A-pŏl'ly-ŏn.

12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Eu-

phrā'tēş.

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand

them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

men killed, by the fire, and by the and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it smoke, and by the brimstone, which shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

issued out of their mouths.

and in their tails: for their tails were like in my mouth sweet as honey; and as

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

CHAPTER 10

ND I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth.

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried. seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his

hand to heaven.

6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein. that there should be time no longer:

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finthousand: and I heard the number of ished, as he hath declared to his serv-

ants the prophets.

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And 18 By these three was the third part of he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up;

10 And I took the little book out of the 19 For their power is in their mouth, angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was

The two witnesses. The seventh trumbet

hitter.

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

CHAPTER 11

ND there was given me a reed like A unto a rod: and the angel stood saving. Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gen'tiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot

forty and two months.

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the

God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies; and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven. that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they

will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sod'om and Egypt, where also

our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be

put in graves. 10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. them, and they stood upon their feet;

soon as I had eaten it, my belly was and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

> 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saving unto them. Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded: and there were great voices in heaven. saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

CHAPTER 12

ND there appeared a great wonder A in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be de-

livered. 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the swallowed up the flood which the dragon earth: and the dragon stood before the cast out of his mouth. woman which was ready to be delivered. for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of testimony of Jesus Christ. iron: and her child was caught up unto

God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Milchā-ĕl and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his

angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out. that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, is like unto the beast? who is able to and the power of his Christ; for the make war with him? accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day

and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for war with the saints, and to overcome the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that kindreds, and tongues, and nations. he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted written in the book of life of the Lamb

child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman. that he might cause her to be carried

away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman; and the earth opened her mouth, and the earth and them which dwell therein

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the

CHAPTER 13

ND I stood upon the sand of the sea. and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns. and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great

authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered

after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies: and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blastestimony; and they loved not their phemy against God, to blaspheme his lives unto the death. name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make them: and power was given him over all

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not the woman which brought forth the man slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth REVELATION 13, 14 The Lamb and the redeemed. The harvest of the earth

wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from

heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be

killed.

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16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell.

save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

CHAPTER 14

AND I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Si'on, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as voice of harpers harping with their works do follow them.

harps:

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not de-filed with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no was reaped. guile: for they are without fault before

the throne of God.

6 And I saw another angel fly in the ing a sharp sickle.

to worship the first beast, whose deadly midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel: saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her

fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saving with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his

hand.

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence

of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hencethe voice of many waters, and as the forth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they voice of a great thunder; and I heard the may rest from their labors; and their

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp

sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also hav18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great wine-

press of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

CHAPTER 15

AND I saw another sign in heaven, freat and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and maryelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are

made manifest.

5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testi-

mony in heaven was opened:

6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever

and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

CHAPTER 16

AND I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou

hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy, 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. 10 And the fifth angel poured out his

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Eu-phra'tes; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his

garments, lest he walk naked, and they I saw her, I wondered with great adsee his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Ar ma-gĕd'dŏn.

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven,

from the throne, saying, It is done. 18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

mountains were not found. 21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail: for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

CHAPTER 17

AND there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet-colored beast, full of heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5 And upon her forehead was a name written. Mystery. Babylon the Great. THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOM-

blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when lightened with his glory.

miration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the

seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not 20 And every island fled away, and the yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not. even he is the eighth, and is of the seven. and goeth into perdition.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and

nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and names of blasphemy, having seven naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn

her with fire. 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

CHAPTER 18

INATIONS OF THE EARTH.
6 And I saw the woman drunken with he blood of the saints, and with the having great power; and the earth was

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen. is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the

abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her

iniquities.

6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she

hath filled, fill to her double.

7 How much she hath glorified herself. and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her; for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine: and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who

judgeth her.

9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning

10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one

hour is thy judgment come.

11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13 And cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. saying, Al'le-lu'ia; Salvation, and glory,

14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things. which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment.

weeping and wailing,

16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen. and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea,

stood afar off

18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like

unto this great city!

19 And they cast dust on their heads. and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ue holy apostles and prophets; for God

hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down. and shall be found no more at all.

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee: and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee:

23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth: for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

CHAPTER 19

AND after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven,

God:

2 For true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said, Al'le-lu'ia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. 4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Al'lē-lu'ià.

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small

and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Al'le-lu'ia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made

herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me. These are the true savings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and

make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire. and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called

The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses,

sword, that with it he should smite the image, neither had received his mark

and honor, and power, unto the Lord our nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written. King or

KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice. saving to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God:

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings. and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses. and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond. both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered to-gether to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

CHAPTER 20

AND I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. and for the word of God, and which had 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp not worshipped the beast, neither his upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ. and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are expired. Satan shall be loosed out of his

prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth. Gog and Ma'gog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of

heaven, and devoured them.

was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to to a great and high mountain, and their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and

to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

CHAPTER 21

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people.

and God himself shall be with them. and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me. Write: for these words

are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me. It is done. I am Alpha and Ö-më'ga, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all 10 And the devil that deceived them things; and I will be his God, and he

shall be my son.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saving, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

10 And he carried me away in the spirit showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

11 Having the glory of God: and her they were judged every man according light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as

crystal:

12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Is'ra-el:

13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates:

and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed. twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that

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is, of the angel. 18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure

gold, like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth;

the twelfth, an amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are

the temple of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun. neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their

glory and honor into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night

there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and

honor of the nations into it.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

CHAPTER 22

AND he showed me a pure river of A water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of maketh a lie. the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall

serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever

and ever. 6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which

must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy

of this book.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book:

worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for

the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man

according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Ö-me'ga, the beginning and the end, the first and the

last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers. and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to

The water of life freely offered

REVELATION 22

t restify unto you these things in the the plagues that are written in this churches. I am the root and the off-book: spring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the

water of life freely.

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of Even so, come, Lord Jesus. this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him be with you all. Amen.

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

THE END

IN THE BIBLE

When "things look 'blue'," read Isaiah, chapter 40.

When tempted to do wrong, read the 139th Psalm.

If you are facing a crisis, read the 46th Psalm.

When you are discouraged, think over Psalm 23.

If you are "bored," read Psalms 103 and 104, or Job, chapters 38-40.

When business is poor, read Psalm 37.
When you are lonely or fearful, read over Psalm 27.

When you are anxious for dear ones, read the 107th Psalm.

When you plan your budget, read St.
Luke's Gospel, chapter 19.

To live successfully with your fellow men, follow Romans, chapter 12.

If you are sick or in pain, read Psalm 91.

When you leave home for labor or travel, carry Psalm 121 with you.

When you are very weary, seek St. Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 8:31-39.

When everything seems to be going from bad to worse, try 2 Timothy 3.

The best investment is described in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6.

Does God figure in our national life? Read Deuteronomy 8.

When your friends seem to go back on you, hold fast to I Corinthians 13.

For an inward peace, consider the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel.

Have you been placed in a position of great responsibility? Read Joshua, chapter 1.

If you have been bereaved, there is a message for you in 1 Corinthians 15, and Revelation 21.

For a stirring record of what trust in God can do, turn to the 11th chapter of Hebrews. If you are satisfied with being "well to-do," read chapters 15 and 16 of St. Luke's Gospel.

If you have experienced severe losses, read the last paragraphs of chapter 8 of Romans.

If you are having to put up a stiff fight, there is a fine equipment listed at the end of Ephesians.

When you have sinned, read I John I, St. John 3:I-2I, Isaiah 53, and make Psalm 51 your prayer.

The way of prayer—I Kings 8; Psalms 42, 51; St. Luke's Gospel, chapters III:-13; I8:I-14; St. John's Gospel, chapter 17; Ephesians 3.

If you have a fear of death, read St. John, chapters 11, 17, and 20; 2 Corinthians, chapters 4, 5; Romans, chapter 8; Revelation, chapters 7, 21, and 22.

The Ten Commandments—Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5.

The Shepherd Psalm—Psalm 23.
The Birth of Jesus—St. Matthew 1, 2;

St. Luke 2.
The Sermon on the Mount—St. Mat-

thew 5, 6, 7.
The Beatitudes—St. Matthew 5:1-12.

The Parable of the Sower—St. Matthew 13; St. Mark 4; St. Luke 8.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan—St. Luke 10.

The Great Commandments—St. Matthew 22:34-40.

The Lord's Prayer—St. Matthew 6
St. Luke 11.

The Last Judgment—St. Matthew 25.
The Parable of the Prodigal Son—St. Luke 15.

The Crucifixion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus—St. Matthew 26, 27, 28; St. Mark 14, 15, 16; St. Luke 22, 23, 24; St. John 13–21.

Faith, Hope, and Love—I Corinthians

